

The Tripura Administration has reported that the Tripura Territorial Council have learnt from the local people of Ampri that there exists a Hot Spring at village Patharbari at the foot of Barmura Hill and about 8 miles to the West of Ampri Bazar. It is not contemplated as yet to construct any road from Ampri-Telamamura road to the Hot Spring.

#### Tribal Welfare

191. Shri Oza: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the number of Life Members enrolled on all India basis and regional basis so far by the Bharatiya Adimjati Sevak Sangh for doing Tribal Welfare work?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): The number of Life Members enrolled by the Bharatiya Adimjati Sevak Sangh on all India basis is 16. No Life Members have been enrolled by them on a regional basis.

#### Suicides in 1959

192. Shri N. R. Muniswamy: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) the number of deaths due to suicide in the country which took place in 1959 so far, and

(b) the causes thereof?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected and will be furnished as soon as it is received.

#### Political Sufferers in Delhi

\*193. Shri Ramam: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that political sufferers in Delhi have been given small loans for petty trades and business during the first six months of 1959-60;

(b) if so, the number of applications received;

(c) the number of persons to whom loans were given; and

(d) the amount so given?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) Yes

(b) Seventeen

(c) Five

(d) Rs 2,900/-

A further amount of Rs 14,400 was disbursed to 15 political sufferers as small loans during October, 1959.

#### Lalit Kala Akademi in Kerala

194. Shri Kodiyam: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether the Kerala State Government have any proposal to set up a Lalit Kala Akademi for the State; and

(b) if so, when is it expected to be constituted?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) and (b) The question of setting up a Lalit Kala Akademi is under the consideration of the Kerala Government.

#### National Peace

195. Shri S. A. Mehdi: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Tanker "National Peace" which ran aground in the Arabian Sea in the Kiltan Island in the Laccadives was looted, and

(b) if so, the action taken to protect the property of the Tanker and the assistance given?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) A report was received that the US Tanker "National Peace" which ran aground