

(b) if so, whether Government propose to utilise the mineral for starting of suitable industries?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir. The Geological Survey of India have estimated some of the limestone deposits in Andhra Pradesh. The deposits so far investigated indicate a tentative reserve of the order of 9,000 million tons.

(b) The exploitation of limestone is under consideration of the Andhra State Government.

National Atlas of India

1853. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) when the final printing of the National Atlas of India in English will be completed;

(b) whether the maps of the population series are based on 1951-census figures; and

(c) whether it is proposed to postpone the publication so as to include the 1961-census figures?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Possibly by the end of Third Five Year Plan period.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Zoological Survey of India

1854. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are regional stations in the country for the Zoological Survey of India;

(b) if so, where they are located; and

(c) what work is done in these regional stations?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Three Regional Stations are located at Shillong, Poona and Jabalpur.

(c) Intensive faunistic surveys; collection of specimens and making observation on field ecology, habits and life-cycles of animals of the regions. A small Museum containing important representatives of the fauna of the region will also be attached to each Station for the interested public and students.

Inter-University Board

1855. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state upto now how many times Inter-University Board met and how many times the Chairman, University Grants Commission attended it?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): The Inter-University Board of India has held 35 annual meetings so far. Prof. Humayun Kabir, the then Chairman, University Grants Commission, attended the 31st annual meeting held at the Aligarh Muslim University in January, 1956 and Shri C. D. Deshmukh the present Chairman, attended the 34th annual meeting held at Panjab University Chandigarh in February, 1959.

Surplus Stores

1856. Shri Rajeswar Patel: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stores worth more than Rs. 28 crores were declared surplus but recommended for re-utilisation during 1959-60;

(b) if so, the reasons why they were declared surplus and the circumstances under which they were recommended for re-utilisation; and

(c) the name of the authority who recommended their re-utilisation?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) and (b). The total book value of stores actually declared to DGS & D and which were outstanding for disposal on the 1st April, 1959 was approximately Rs. 3 crores only. However, large quantities of stores, which were found surplus to the immediate requirements of the

Branches|Services holding the stocks as a result of the normal annual provision reviews and which might, in the ordinary course, have been declared surplus to the DGS&D in the normal manner, were surveyed by a Technical Team during the year 1959 with a view to ascertaining whether the stores could be re-utilised, either in their present form, or by modification, repair by the Services|Branches other than by the stock-holder also, in the light of the existing shortage of foreign exchange resources and the necessity for all round economy. The Technical Team has recommended re-utilisation of such stores worth Rs. 28 crores approximately.

(c) An Inter Services Technical Team consisting of representatives of the three Defence Services, Director General of Ordnance Factories, Controller General of Defence Production, Hindustan Aircraft Limited, and Bharat Electronics Limited, which was specially set up for conducting the re-utilisation check.

Science Clubs

1857. **Pandit J. P. Jyotishi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Science clubs that have so far been established with aid given by the All India Council for Secondary Education; and

(b) the amount of financial help given to such clubs and the State-wise number of institutions that have been so helped?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b). A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 55].

Welfare Extension Projects in Punjab

1858. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the number of welfare extension projects opened by the Social Welfare Board in the Punjab State during the first four years of the Second Five Year Plan and proposed to be opened during the final year of the Plan?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall):

1956-57 to 1959-60 Nineteen.

1960-61 Twenty eight.

"Detection of Smuggling at Palam"

1859. **Shri Ram Garib:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of smuggling have been detected by Customs authorities at Palam and Safdarjang Airports during the last one year; and

(b) the amount collected or realised as penalty in connection therewith?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) 24 cases of smuggling were detected at Palam and Safdarjang Airports during the year March, 1959 to February, 1960.

(b) Rs. 8,055.

Visit of U.S. Aircraft Carrier

1860. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that one American Aircraft Carrier is visiting India in mid-April on a goodwill mission?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): Yes, Sir. The American Aircraft Carrier BONHOMME RICHARD is expected to pay an informal visit to Bombay from 11th to 16th April, 1960.

Nav Hind Girls' Higher Secondary School, Delhi

1861. { **Shri Nek Ram Negi:**
Shri Inder J. Malhotra:
Shri Bahadur Singh:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 1150 on the 9th December, 1959 and state:

(a) the month in which the sum of Rs. 5 charged by Nav Hind Girls' Higher Secondary School, Delhi was adjusted in full towards the tuition fees;