

M. M. Das): (a) Rs. 9,811 upto 15th March, 1960.

(b) Rs. 13,712.

Kutab Minar

2283. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for the maintenance of Kutab Minar at Delhi during 1959-60; and

(b) the amount proposed to be spent for the maintenance of Kutab Minar during 1960-61?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Rs. 6,388.

(b) Rs. 8,260.

Taj Mahal

2284. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for the maintenance of Taj Mahal during 1959-60;

(b) the amount proposed to be spent for the maintenance of Taj Mahal during 1960-61?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Rs. 77,763.

(b) Rs. 1,01,416.

Hill Allowance to Aruvankadu Employees

2285. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee**;
Shri Jagdish Awasthi;

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of Cor-dits Factory, Aruvankadu are given hill allowance;

(b) if so, whether this is being paid to those who are working prior to

1949 and not to those working after that year; and

(c) if so, the reason therefor?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) to (c). Non-gazetted employees of this factory who were in receipt of the hill allowance as on 28-2-50 when it was replaced by the grant of house rent and compensatory allowances have been permitted to draw the hill allowances again from 1-4-52 in lieu of the latter as a concession personal to them.

Decrease in Birth Rate

2286. Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that birth rate in towns with population of over 30,000 has decreased in 1959 as compared to 1958;

(b) if so, the percentage of decrease; and

(c) the reasons for decline in population?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) and (b). The registered birth rate in towns of over 30,000 population was 27.3 per thousand population in 1959 as against 27.8 per thousand in 1958. The decrease in birth rate in 1959 thus works out to 1.8 per cent, which is too small to be taken as clear evidence of decrease in birth rate.

(c) There has been no decline in population.

Corruption Cases in Finance Ministry

2287. { **Shri Daljit Singh**;
Shri D. C. Sharma;

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the number of corruption cases detected by the vigilance staff against