

August	17724
September	11336
October	19571
November	20558
December	21768
January, 1961	27398
February	19470
TOTAL	264,041

(b) No, Sir.

Recreation Centres for Government Employees

1955. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start clubs for Government officials where they can relax at the end of a weary day;

(b) whether there is also any proposal to build hostels attached to these clubs where bachelor officers can stay at reasonable rates;

(c) if so, the details of the same; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken in this direction?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Many such clubs have already been set up in Delhi and Community Halls are also being built.

(b) to (d). It is not proposed to attach any hostels to these clubs but a proposal is separately under consideration to construct two hostels for unmarried officers, one for men and the other for women.

Rise in Sterling Balances

1956. { **Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:**
Shri S. A. Mehdi:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a rise in the sterling balances recently; and

(b) if so, what is the weekly rise from 1st November, 1960 to 15th March, 1961?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). The Sterling Balances of the Reserve Bank of India have shown a varying trend but there has been a net rise of Rs. 16.10 crores from the end of October 1960 to the 10th March, 1961 (the last date for which information is available). The weekly change in these balances is indicated below:—

Week ended	Level of Sterling Balances	Week ¹ ended	Level of Sterling Balances
			(Rs. in crores)
28-10-60	142.75	6-1-61	147.62
4-11-60	141.28	13-1-61	147.48
11-11-60	141.11	20-1-61	147.43
18-11-60	139.63	27-1-61	147.67
25-11-60	139.97	3-2-61	147.26
2-12-60	151.76	10-2-61	152.48
9-12-60	152.62	17-2-61	157.56
16-12-60	155.11	24-2-61	159.50
23-12-60	155.59	3-3-61	157.30
30-12-60	151.73	10-3-61	158.85

1. The figures are published as for each Friday.

2. Includes Rs. 14.18 crores (DM 125.1 million) received from West Germany.

Display of Obscene Posters

1957. **Shri Ram Saran:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken with regard to display of obscene posters in public places specially in the Union Territories;

(b) the results so far obtained for such steps; and

(c) what do Government propose to do in the matter on a long range policy?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a)

and (b). Public exhibition or circulation in any manner of any obscene object is an offence punishable under Section 292 of the Indian Penal Code which is applicable throughout the country. There is no special problem in the Union Territories as distinct from the States.

(c) Does not arise.

Wealth and Income Taxes

1958. Shri Kalika Singh: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tax-payers who pay more than hundred per cent of their income by way of Wealth and income taxes;

(b) the approximate percentage of the number of such tax-payers to the total number of tax-payers; and

(c) the percentage in terms of valuation of the amount of taxes which is in excess of hundred per cent of the incomes to the total amount of aforesaid taxes?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) to (c). The information is not readily available. It is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Pay Scales of Civilian Officers in Ordnance Establishments

1959. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether new pay scales for civilian officers in Ordnance Establishments including those working in Directorate General of Ordnance Factories have now been finalised;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite finalisation?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) to (c). Proposals for the reorganisation of the Cadre

of the Indian Ordnance Factories Service and for improved pay scales for officers in the Directorate General of Ordnance Factories are under active consideration. Every effort is being made to expedite a decision.

Government Employees on Study Leave Abroad

1960. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central Government Employees who are away to U.S.A. and U.K. (separately) on study leave; and

(b) how many of them have gone on their own expenses but on leave as may be due to them?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it becomes available.

Grade IV Employees

1961. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) what criteria have been adopted during the years 1955 and onwards for fixing seniority in Grade IV of the Central Secretariat Service;

(b) on what basis the persons who were not in Government service on 1st January, 1958 have been placed senior to those who were holding substantive posts on that date in the recently published civil list of Grade IV of the Central Secretariat Service;

(c) whether Government are aware that modification of the principle of seniority has created a lot of disappointment among a large section of affected persons who have been working in that grade for more than 7 years because of having been declared junior to those persons who joined service as late as more than 7 years later; and