

with certain modifications. Whereas, the coordinated type of projects will continue to exist as heretofore, the activities of most of the centres of original type of projects will be entrusted to voluntary organisations who will run them with the help of grants-in-aid from the Central Social Welfare Board with effect from the 1st April, 1961.

English as Associate Official Language

*1077. **Shri Hem Barua**: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps towards implementation of the Prime Minister's statement in Parliament last year to the effect that English would continue as the "associate language" even after 1965; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). Government have decided to introduce appropriate legislation in Parliament in due course.

Central Ordnance Depot, Chheoki

*1078. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta**: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1099 on the 23rd December, 1960 and state:

(a) whether Government have completed further investigations ordered in respect of certain items regarding the recovery of stores from underground in Central Ordnance depot, Chheoki; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) and (b). The Court of Inquiry which investigated the matter have held that certain personnel of C.O.D. Chheoki, had not followed the correct accounting and checking procedure resulting in the surpluses/deficiencies of the stores. The findings of the Court of Inquiry and the recommendations

of the G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command thereon are under examination by the Army Headquarters.

Regional Colleges for Multi-Purpose School Teachers

*1079. **Shri P. C. Borooah**: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme for the establishment of four regional colleges for teachers' training for multi-purpose schools;

(b) if so, the location of the proposed colleges; and

(c) the estimated expenditure on the scheme?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not yet decided.

(c) The detailed estimates are in preparation. The provisional estimate of cost over five years is Rs. 384 lakhs.

Steamer Services to Andamans

*1080. { **Shri D. C. Sharma**:
Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase steamer services to the Andamans to promote internal tourism;

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

(c) the steps being taken by Government to develop these Islands as tourist centres?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar) (a) and (b). The Third Five-Year Plan has a provision for the acquisition of a passenger-cum-cargo ship to augment the existing fleet of two Government ships. This will help the building of a better tourist traffic from the mainland.

(c) A fair weather air service between Calcutta and Port Blair has started running. An order for an inter-island vessel has been placed with M/s. Mazagaon Dock Ltd., Bombay. The following further steps are proposed to be taken during the Third Five Year Plan.

- (i) Two rest houses at Port Blair and Carbyns Cove will be constructed for development of home tourism;
- (ii) Some yachts and a motor boat with angling equipment will be provided;
- (iii) Inland communications will be improved.

Jyoti Project Ferozpur

2138. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2159 on the 6th September, 1960 and state the further progress made in the construction of "Jyoti" project at Ferozpur for accommodation of troops?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): Progress on construction of quarters as on 10-3-1961 is as follows:

- (a) Officers quarters—75 per cent.
- (b) J.C.Os. quarters—62 per cent.
- (c) Other Ranks quarters—81 per cent.
- (d) Non Combatants (Enrolled) quarters—75 per cent.

Geological Survey of Maharashtra

2139. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state the names of the districts of Maharashtra State which were geologically surveyed during the last three years and what were the findings of the survey?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): The Geological Survey of India has been conducting geological investigation in Nagpur, Bhandara, Chanda, Aurangabad,

Yeotmal, Kolhapur, Satara, Ratnagiri and Thana districts of Maharashtra during the last three years. The results of these investigations are as follows:

Regional mapping.—During 1958—61, geological mapping on the scale 1:63,360 was carried out in an area of about 7,900 sq. kilometres in the districts of Chanda, Bhandara, Kolhapur, Satara and Ratnagiri districts. The eastern part of the Bhandara-Chanda area is occupied mainly by Archaean metasediments with interstratified igneous rocks and batholithic granite while to the west Vin-dhyana and Gondwana strata are encountered. The regional study in the Kolhapur, Satara and Ratnagiri districts is mainly for the Deccan trap volcanic rocks and to study groundwater conditions in them. The older sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks in these districts are also being studied.

Mineral investigations:—

1. Dolomitic marble occurrences in Nagpur district have been studied in detail. The reserves estimated are of the order of 183 million tons (185.94 million metric tons).

2. Manganese ore occurrences in Sawantwadi taluk, Ratnagiri district have been studied. The deposits near (i) Digne (ii) Fakirpada (iii) Golel and (iv) Banda are promising.

3. Occurrence of iron ore around Redi in Ratnagiri district has been studied. Reserves are of the order of 25 million tons (25.4 million metric tons). The ore bodies are believed to extend to greater depths and further exploration is in progress.

Detailed mapping of the iron ore quarries over an area about 0.32 sq. kilometres in Redi area was carried out in 1960-61. Two bore-holes were drilled so far and they did not intersect any iron ore. Drilling is in progress.