

Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 89].

(c) The question of expanding the scope of the Scheme to more villages in Manipur can be considered only when the Scheme has made sufficient progress in the village already selected.

Netaji Inquiry Committee Report

743. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the reported discrepancies in the Netaji Inquiry Committee Report pointed out at a symposium organised by the Cultural and Debate Section of the Calcutta University Institute held in the second week of April; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to institute a further inquiry into the mystery of Netaji's disappearance in view of the discrepancies referred to above?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen reports that the Cultural and Debate Section of the Calcutta University Institute held a symposium in the second week of April during which certain aspects of the Netaji Inquiry Committee Report were discussed.

(b) The Netaji Inquiry Committee after examining all the evidence, had presented a majority report which established that Netaji had died in an air-accident. The basic conclusions reached by the Committee have never been seriously questioned. Government are satisfied that there is no justification on the basis of available facts for the holding of a further enquiry into the question.

Sugar Mills and Tile Factories

744. Shri Jena: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government of Orissa have approached the Central Government for allotment of some extra funds for establishing industries, particularly, sugar mills and tile factories in rural areas for fire-proof roofing of houses in the State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government to this proposal?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Mineral Sands of Kerala

745. Shri Natarajan: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any quantitative assessment of the Mineral sands found along the sea coast in Kerala has been made during the last decade; and

(b) whether any research has been undertaken to assess the quality, utility and quantity of rare minerals found, for example, Monazite etc. in the Mineral sands of Kerala?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes. Investigations for quantitative estimation of the monazite and ilmenite contents of the heavy black mineral sands of the sea coast of Kerala and Madras States were started by the Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy during 1950-51 and have been continued year after year. Information regarding these investigations including their results is published in the Annual Reports of the Department of Atomic Energy which are circulated to the Members of Parliament and also contained in the following scientific papers/journal, copies of which are being placed in the Lok Sabha Library:

- (1) "Prospecting and Evaluation of Beach Placers along the

Coastal Belt of India" by V. Mahadevan, G. R. Narayandas and N. Nagaraja Rao—Presented at the Second International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy Geneva, September 1958, and contained in the proceedings of the Conference.

- (2) "A Survey of Uranium & Thorium Occurrences in India" by K. L. Bhola, etc.—Presented at the Second International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, Geneva, September 1958, and contained in the proceedings of the Conference.
- (3) "A Review of the Activities of the Atomic Minerals Division" by D. N. Wadia and K. K. Dar contained in "Industrial India—Atomic Energy Supplement" January 1961.

(b) The valuable minerals in the beach sands are ilmenite, monazite, rutile, zircon and sillimanite. With a view to ensuring that the quality of the minerals, which are recovered, is uniformly good, certain minimum specifications have been prescribed. Nevertheless research work is directed towards obtaining improved recoveries of the minerals and an integrated flow-sheet for their recovery has been developed. The major uses of these minerals are well established. However, selected projects are in progress to further develop their application in industry.

Industries in Jammu and Kashmir

746. { Bakshi Abdul Rashid:
Shri Abdul Ghani:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the new industries started in Jammu and Kashmir State during the years 1960-61 and 1961-62; and

(b) the facilities extended to them by the Centre?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Manipur Handloom Products

747. Shri Rishhang Keishing: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of yarn consumed by Manipur in 1960-61 and 1961-62;

(b) the output of handloom products in Manipur in the said years;

(c) the marketing facilities available for handloom products inside and outside Manipur; and

(d) the schemes to improve and increase the handloom products and to avail of more marketing facilities?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The information is not available but is being collected from the Manipur Administration.

(b) Production figures are compiled for calendar years. The figures for the years 1960 and 1961 are as follows:

(Figures in lakhs)

| Year | Production Quantity | | Value |
|------|---------------------|------|-------|
| | Yds | Rs. | |
| 1960 | 3.06 | 4.46 | |
| 1961 | 4.84 | 6.76 | |

(c) Five sales depots have been sanctioned for the Administration. The Manipur Administration sanctions loans to the Apex Society for marketing. The All India Handloom