tion is given, Government examine the nature of re-employment offered by the employer to the officer in the light among other things, of any possible dealings the officer may have had with the employer while in service

## Copper Deposits in Kangra District

1297. Shri G. K. Singha: Shri Subodh Hansda: Shri Basumatari: Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that large deposits of Copper have been located by the Geological Survey of India in Kangra District of Punjab;
- (b) if so, whether extensive survey has been made; and
  - (c) the result of the survey?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) No, Sir; only indications of copper mineralisation over a length of 8 kilometres have been recorded by the Geological Survey of India near Naraul in the Garsha Valley.

(b) and (c). Investigation in this area which was started in April 1962 is in progress. The results of the investigation will become available after it is completed.

## Non-Official Organisations

Dr. P. N. Khan:
1298. { Shri Subodh Hansda: Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) which are the non-official organisations receiving grants from the Central Government for the last seven years i.e., since 1955 for the

welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) whether the grants are given annually?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) The names of non-official organisations receiving direct grants from the Central Government since 1955 are shown in the list, placed on the Table of the House.

- 1. Iswar Saran Ashram.
- 2. Harijan Sevak Sangh.
- 3. Bharatiya Depressed Classes League.
- 4. All India Backward classes Federation.
- 5. Bharativa Adimiati Sevak Sangh.
- 6. Indian Red Cross Society.
- (b) Yes.

## Prices of Cement

1299. Shri B. K. Das:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

- (a) how many cement manufacturers have switched over to the use of furnace oil instead of coal as feul; and
- (b) what has been the consequent rise in prices of cement?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):
(a) So far, one cement manufacturer, viz., Messrs. India Cements Ltd, Madras, have switched over from the use of coal to furnace oil in one of the three kilns at their Talaiyuthu cement factory;

(b) The ex-works price of cement payable to the producer at the Talaiyuthu cement factory has been increased by Rs. 2.37 per tonne but there has been no increase in the selling price of cement.