

(b) whether it is a fact that the Paltan Bazar is for the reason mentioned in para (a) above, outside the municipal limit of the city of Ajmer and consequently the inhabitants of that area are deprived of facilities of supply of water, electricity, sanitation etc; and

(c) the steps, if any, proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) It is proposed to transfer the area to the Ajmer Municipality. Acceptance of the Municipality and the Government of Rajasthan is awaited.

राष्ट्रमंडलीय बैंक

*५६२. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या राष्ट्रमंडलीय बैंक स्थापित करने की कोई योजना राष्ट्रमंडलीय राष्ट्रों के विचाराधीन है ?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री ति० त० कृष्णामाचारी) : श्री हाँ, इस समय राष्ट्रमंडल की सरकारें इस प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही हैं ।

Indians for Overseas Studies

*593. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Scientists who were given partial financial assistance for studies abroad during 1956-57; and

(b) the amount sanctioned on loan basis to students studying abroad during the same period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) None for studies, but financial assistance was given to four scientists for going abroad.

(b) Rs. 25,624/-.

Military Education in Central Universities

*594. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state the progress made by the Central Universities in regard to imparting of Military Education during 1956-57?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): Facilities for Military Education do not exist in the Central Universities of Banaras, Delhi and Visva-Bharati. Aligarh Muslim University, which provided facilities for Military Science in B.A. and B.Sc. has now decided to discontinue instruction in this subject.

Steamer Service to Laccadive Island

*595. { **Shri Warrior:**
Dr. K. B. Menon:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 246 on the 21st November, 1956 and state:

(a) whether the arrangements for running a direct steamer service between the mainland and Laccadive Islands have since been finalised;

(b) if so, when the service is likely to start; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The reason for delay is that stormy weather has set in before negotiations for the charter of a vessel could be finalised, and will continue till about October when it is hoped to start this service.