

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Literacy figures according to the 1961 Census are under compilation by the Registrar General, India.

(b) No separate literacy figures in respect of Backward Classes are being compiled by the Registrar General, India.

Rajasthan District Gazetteers

3053. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage are the District Gazetteers of Jodhpur, Pali, Barmer, Jalore and Nagaur; and

(b) the total grant-in-aid given to the Rajasthan Government and the allocation made for the aforesaid five districts?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) The District Gazetteer of Barmer is being published this year. Material is being collected for the Gazetteers of Jodhpur, Pali, Jalore and Nagaur.

(b) The total grant-in-aid so far given to the Rajasthan State is Rs. 6,000. No allocation of funds for the five districts, referred to in (a) above, has been made as these Gazetteers have not been revised so far.

Sainik Samachar

3054. Shri V. K. Ramaswamy: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pay scales of Sainik Samachar Translators have been fixed in accordance with the reference made by his Ministry to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; and

(b) if so, what are the scales of pay?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) and (b). The matter is under examination.

Educational Tours of Students in Uttar Pradesh

3055. Shri Sarjoo Pandey: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of aid sanctioned to the Uttar Pradesh Government during 1961-62 and 1962-63 so far for conducting educational tours of students within, as well as outside, the State; and

(b) whether Uttar Pradesh Government have fully utilized the aid?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) No amount was sanctioned to the Uttar Pradesh Government or to any other State Government during 1961-62 for this purpose. The question of allocating funds for the year 1962-63 is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Symposium on Arid Zone Problems

3056. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether a symposium on arid zone problems was held in March, 1962;

(b) if so, what main points were discussed; and

(c) the main recommendations of the symposium?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of subjects connected with Defence problems in Arid and Semi-Arid Zones of the desert were discussed.

(c) The following are the main recommendations made at the symposium on Arid Zone problem:

(a) Intensification of research effort on the utilisation of