

(b) During 1948-49 a sum of Rs. 87,000 and during 1949-50 a sum of Rs. 28,000 approximately were spent on excavations in Orissa.

OCEANOGRAPHY

668. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to promote the study of Oceanography in India;

(b) whether any information has been collected about equipment and technical personnel available in India for the purpose; and

(c) whether any of the Universities in India have started courses in Geophysics and Oceanography?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) The Oceanography Committee constituted under the Central Board of Geophysics is organising Oceanographical research in India by utilising all available resources. The Committee is also preparing a detailed scheme for the co-ordination, integration and intensification of Oceanographic studies in India with a view to set up the institute of Oceanography at a suitable location. Collection of water samples and observations on Physical Oceanography and Marine Biology have been taken up by the Central Board of Geophysics through Merchant Shipping and Marine Survey of India.

(b) Yes, Sir. The information has been collected by the Central Board of Geophysics.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Andhra and the Banaras Hindu Universities have started courses of study in Geophysics for the M.Sc. degree. The Andhra University has included Oceanography also in their syllabus for M.Sc. degree in Geophysics. The Indian Institute of Technology at Hijli will shortly start a course of study in Geophysics.

GENERAL ELECTIONS

669. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) whether the official machinery employed during the recent General Elections was required to work overtime; and

(b) if so, what is the amount paid by each State towards overtime expenses?

The Minister of Law and Minority Affairs (Shri Biswas): (a) Yes, except in the State of Bihar.

(b) No overtime allowance was paid to the staff on election duty by

the Governments of Assam, Bihar, Bombay, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Hyderabad, Madhya Bharat, Pepsu, Travancore-Cochin, Coorg, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Kutch, Manipur, Tripura and Vindhya Pradesh.

Some overtime allowance was paid by certain State Governments, and the amounts so paid by them are:—

	Rs.
Mysore	242/-/-
Saurashtra	2,010/-/-
Bilaspur	179/9/-

Some State Governments paid honoraria and the amounts so paid by them are:—

Orissa	1,075/-/-
Rajasthan	16,000/-/-
Ajmer	575/-/-
Bhopal	4,450/-/-

The Madras Government had paid out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the staff working in towns of really long distances, where the staff sitting up late and working on holidays could not go home for meals or tiffin and return to their duty without dislocation of the work. The total amount of expenditure incurred in this regard by the Madras Government is Rs. 30,696/8/-.

RAJWARI AERODROME

670. Shri Ganpati Ram: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the lands requisitioned for the construction of Rajwari Aerodrome, Banaras (U.P.) and Reserve Base Lohta (Banaras) during the last War have been returned to the owners;

(b) whether any or how much of the lands are still to be returned and when will they be returned;

(c) whether all compensation due for the period of the requisition of lands has since been paid; and

(d) if not, what is the amount yet to be paid and when it is expected to be paid?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopaldaswami): (a) (i) *Rajwari Aerodrome*.—309.07 acres of requisitioned lands out of a total area of 444.38 acres have been returned to various owners in June 1947 and the remaining area of 135.31 acres was acquired outright on the 20th March 1945;

(ii) *Reserve Base, Lohta*.—2,878.39 acres of requisitioned lands out of a total area of 2,889 acres have been

returned to owners on various dates in 1948, 1949 and 1952.

(b) (i) Nil at Rajwari Aerodrome;

(ii) 10.61 acres of land at Lohta still remain to be returned and will be restored to the owners by about the end of October 1952.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Rs. 57,792 which still remains to be paid, will be paid shortly.

**EX-SERVICEMEN'S POST-WAR
RECONSTRUCTION FUND**

671. Shri Bhakta Darshan: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to my Unstarred Question No. 353, dated 7th July, 1952 and state:

(a) how many recruits were contributed to the Armed Forces of India by each of the 51 districts of Uttar Pradesh during the World War II; and

(b) what is the amount of the district-wise grants made by the State Government from the Ex-servicemen's Post War Reconstruction Fund?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (a) A statement showing the intake of recruits, by districts, from Uttar Pradesh between 3/9/39 and 30/9/45 in respect of 48 Districts as existed at that time, is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 24.]

Recruitment for Tehri Garhwal and other 'minor States' which have since been merged in Uttar Pradesh is also shown at the end of the statement.

(b) The required information has been called for from the State Government.

**ELECTION PETITIONS FROM HYDERABAD
STATE**

672. Shri H. G. Vaishnav: Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) the personnel of the Election Tribunals appointed to decide the Election Petitions filed in Hyderabad State and their location; and

(b) the number and names of the disqualified candidates and their agents, if any, because of not filing the return of Election Expenses in the prescribed time and manner?

The Minister of Law and Minority Affairs (Shri Biswas): (a) Janab Syed Taqui Bilgrami, District and Sessions Judge, Secunderabad (Dn.), has been appointed on the 7th July, 1952, as the Chairman of the Tribunal

for the trial of three election petitions presented to the Election Commission by candidates from Hyderabad State. The other two members of the Tribunal will be appointed when the cases are ripe for hearing. Secunderabad has been appointed as the place of trial of these petitions.

(b) On the assumption that this part of the question relates to Hyderabad State a statement (in three parts) is laid on the Table of the House, showing the names of the candidates and their election agents who have so far been notified by the Election Commission as having incurred the disqualifications under clause (c) of section 7 or under section 143 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, for failure to lodge returns of election expenses within the time or in the manner required by law, in respect of election to (a) the House of the People (b) the Council of States and (c) the State Legislative Assembly from Hyderabad State [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 25.]

**SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED
TRIBES**

673. Shri G. L. Chaudhury: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees serving in the military belong to the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes;

(b) of these, how many are officers and how many are of other ranks;

(c) do the number of officers and other ranks constitute the quota reserved for the scheduled caste and scheduled tribes; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) be in negative what action do Government contemplate to take to complete their quota?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (a) and (b). Separate statistics are NOT available to show the number of scheduled caste and scheduled tribesmen serving in the Armed Forces.

(c) and (d). Recruitment to the Armed Forces is open to all classes irrespective of State, creed or religion. No reservations are made for any particular community.

**ACQUISITION OF LAND IN AURANGABAD
DISTRICT (HYDERABAD)**

674. Diwan Raghavendra Rao: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) how much land in the Aurangabad District (Hyderabad State) has