

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) In the opinion of the Government this work can be carried on better by such non-official agencies as are already working in this field. The Government have given them grants and are now preparing a new scheme of work in connection with the Five-Year Plan.

(b) Does not arise.

SCHEDULED CASTES AND BACKWARD CLASSES SCHOLARSHIPS

819. Shri Elayaperumal: (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state how many Scheduled Castes and Backward classes candidates' applications for scholarships were received from the Annamalai University for the year 1951-52?

(b) How many of these were sanctioned?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Scheduled Castes Nil. Other Backward Classes 48.

(b) Other Backward Classes 8.

DISPLACED AND DESTITUTE WOMEN'S HOME, RUPSI

821. Shri Amjad Ali: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his last tour in Assam, he visited the "Displaced and Destitute Women's Home" at Rupsi (District Goalpara, Assam);

(b) the number of such destitutes living there;

(c) whether any steps have since been taken to provide them with a living;

(d) whether requests to shift them to town-areas were made by Nari-Kelyan Samiti of Dhubri; and

(e) if so, with what results?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) Seventy-five.

(c) All the inmates of the Home are provided with free board and lodging at Government expense and they are trained in various vocations.

(d) and (e). A representation made by the Dhubri Congress Committee for shifting the Home is under consideration.

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८२२. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: क्या रक्षा मंत्री भारत में रक्षा मंत्रालय के नियंत्रणाधीन हवाई अड्डों की संख्या और सन् १९५२ में सरकार द्वारा उन के संधारण पर किये गये व्यय को बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे ?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): Under Defence Ministry there are:

(i) 17 aerodromes occupied by the I.A.F. and maintained for day to day use, and

(ii) 25 maintained for emergency use.

An approximate estimate of the expenditure on their maintenance during 1952 is Rs. 80 lakhs.

NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY, NEW DELHI

823. Shri M. L. Agrawal: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the present organisational set up of the National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi;

(b) how many senior and junior Science Assistants are employed at present in the Laboratory and what salaries and allowances they draw; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred on the Laboratory during the year 1952-53 on the following items separately:

(i) salaries and allowances; and

(ii) equipment and apparatus?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) The National Physical Laboratory is one of the National Laboratories under the control of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. The Laboratory has as its head, Dr. K. S. Krishnan, as Director, who has under him various scientific staff. The staff is divided into categories of Assistant Directors who are Heads of the various Divisions of the Laboratory and under them are Senior Scientific Officers, Junior Scientific Officers, Senior Scientific Assistants, Junior Scientific Assistants, Laboratory Assistants, etc.