

Dollar from 1949 onwards are as follows:—

Year	\$ million Contribution (+) Drawings (-)
1949	-72
1950	+77
1951	-12
1952	-118
1953 (January-June Provisional)	+9

(b) There were no contributions from India to the Central Reserves during August 1947 to July 1949; on the other hand she withdrew about \$390 million from the Reserves during this period.

CENTRAL BUILDING RESEARCH INSTITUTE, ROORKEE

254. Prof. D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state the number of scholars engaged in Research work in the Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): The number of persons employed on research work at this Institute number 13, including the Director and the two Assistant Directors.

TOBACCO EXCISE DUTIES

255. Prof. D. C. Sharma: (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the annual revenue derived by the Centre through the tobacco excise duties from the Punjab State during the period from 1942 to 1952?

(b) What are the reasons for the increase or decrease of this revenue?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha): (a) and (b). A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 68.]

DISCOVERY OF CAVES IN AURANGABAD

256. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that nine caves have been discovered by the Archæological department in Taluka Kannad, District Aurangabad of Hyderabad State?

(b) If so, what is the historical significance of these caves?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The Pithalkora caves, which are presumably the caves, the hon. Member has in mind, have been known for the last 75 years. They were re-surveyed recently.

(b) The caves belong to the 4-5th Century A.D. and they contain paintings which are drawn in the same style as those at Ajanta.

TRAINING OF RESEARCH SCHOLARS

257. Shri B. C. Das: (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state how many research workers under the Research Training Scholarships in operation from 1949/50 in accordance with the recommendations of the Scientific Manpower Committee, have been trained from 1950 to 1952, each year?

(b) How many of the above have been absorbed and in what capacities in the National Laboratories and other centres so far?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Four in 1950, twenty-nine in 1951 and forty-two in 1952.

(b) Thirty-five scholars have been absorbed in the various organizations and twenty-seven are engaged in advanced research. Information relating to the remaining thirteen is not available.