

the 1st July, 1953 to the 31st October, 1953?

(b) What is the approximate value of the Osmania currency in circulation at present in that State?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha): (a) O. S. Rs. 8.05 crores including one-rupee notes.

(b) O. S. Rs. 18.42 crores including rupee coins and small coins as on the 28th November, 1953.

TRIBES ADVISORY COUNCILS

407. Shri Soren: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether a Tribes Advisory Council for Scheduled Tribes has been established in West Bengal?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): Yes.

I. M. S. EMERGENCY CADRE OFFICERS

408. Dr. N. B. Khare: (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the number of I.M.S. Emergency Cadre Officers recruited during the last War direct from Medical Colleges from among the Government of India stipendiary students who have not yet been confirmed in the regular cadre of A.M.C.?

(b) What has been the policy regarding confirmation of these officers?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) No separate statistics have been maintained in respect of stipendiary students recruited through the Emergency Cadre of the late IMS, as they got merged with other Emergency Commissioned Officers of the Cadre on being granted the Commission.

(b) These officers were given the same opportunities to apply for a permanent commission in the AMC as other Emergency Commissioned Officers of the late IMS; permanent regular commissions were granted only to those among them as were found suitable by the Selection Boards on the basis of merit.

TERRACE CULTIVATION

409. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of States be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money sanctioned and spent in order to encourage terrace cultivation in the hill areas of Manipur during the years 1952-53 and 1953-54;

(b) the sub-division-wise number of applications received and accepted by the Government of Manipur; and

(c) the areas of land brought under cultivation during the same period?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) In 1952-53 six demonstrators were appointed for carrying out propaganda work and for exploring suitable areas in the Hills where terrace cultivation could be introduced. They covered 80 villages and discovered an area of 1000 acres which was suitable for terrace cultivation. An amount of Rs. 2,000/- was spent for the purpose.

Again, during 1953-54 demonstrators have been appointed for the same purpose.

A lump sum is proposed for Chief Commissioner's discretionary grant under the Tribal Welfare Scheme and it is intended that financial help for such purposes should be met from that fund.

In 1952-53 a sum of Rs. 4,000/- was spent from Chief Commissioner's discretionary grant as contribution to the Chingjaori village in Ukhrul area for construction of an irrigation channel.

(b) Applications received—

Ukhrul	3
Sadar	2
Tameglong	3
Churachandpur	1
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All these applications are under examination.