

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) to (c). The hon. Member's attention is invited to the statement laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 36.]

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, MOHENJODARO

53. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the buildings of the archaeological museum at Mohenjodaro have been damaged as a result of the last rains, and a portion of it has already collapsed, smashing a number of valuable exhibits of world interest in general, and Indian interest in particular?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): Government of India have no information beyond what has appeared in newspaper reports.

NAVAL PERSONNEL

54. **Shri Nanadas:** (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the number of married officers and the married personnel in the Indian Navy?

(b) How many officers and other personnel are provided with married quarters (or family quarters)?

(c) What is the programme on hand for providing family quarters to the Naval personnel?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): (a) I regret this information cannot be given without detriment to security.

(b) Officers	391
Ratings	509

(c) (i) The following permanent accommodation has been sanctioned:—

Officers	26
Ratings	404

(ii) Question of construction of 59 officers' quarters is under consideration.

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M. E. S. EMPLOYEES

55. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial employees serving in M.E.S. who have applied for admission into the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme till 1st October, 1953;

(b) the number who have been admitted to the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme upto 1st October, 1953;

(c) the reasons for the delay in accepting the rest; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to popularise the Scheme amongst the workers?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): (a) 13,020.

(b) 5,687.

(c) Delay in accepting the rest is mainly due to the time required for verification of past service.

(d) The benefits of the scheme are explained to the workers at their monthly meetings or gatherings by the local MES authorities and they are being encouraged to join the fund.

FLOOD DAMAGE IN MANIPUR

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

(a) the extent of damage to

(i) crops.

(ii) fields.

(iii) properties.

(iv) houses.

(v) cattle, and

(vi) human lives etc.,

by the last flood of Manipur which occurred during the 3rd week of September, 1953;

(b) the various forms of reliefs rendered both by the Government of India and the Government of Manipur for the flood victims of Manipur;