

the Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 22.]

#### TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE ADULT BLIND

239. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications received for admission to the training centre for adult blind at Dehradun during 1953 and the total number of persons admitted;

(b) whether there are any other similar Centres maintained by the Central or the State Governments at any other place;

(c) if so, the number and location of such institutions; and

(d) whether Government propose to open at least a few such Centres on regional basis?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** (a) 117 and 119, respectively.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No.

#### BRITISH WAR LOAN

240. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total liability for British War Loan taken over by India;

(b) whether any portion of this debt has been discharged and if so, how much and when; and

(c) when the balance is repayable and what rate of interest is paid thereon?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) to (c), The total liability of this loan assumed by the then Government of India after World War I was £ 22,716,000. Repayments

were made periodically upto 1928-29, aggregating to £ 5,994,997, reducing the liability to £ 16,721,003. This liability, which has since remained suspended indefinitely, was further reduced by £ 1,254,075 on the separation of Burma. With the suspension of the liability, interest payment also ceased.

#### ENCYCLOPAEDIA

241. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has undertaken the preparation of People's Encyclopaedia in Hindi;

(b) if so, by what time it is expected to be completed and made available to the public; and

(c) what is the price fixed for this publication?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** (a) and (b). The attention of the hon. Member is invited to Unstarred Question No. 210 answered in Lok Sabha on the 2nd September, 1954.

(c) The price can be fixed only after the book has been published.

#### SUICIDES

242. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the number of cases of suicides due to unemployment in different States during the year 1953-54?

**The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju):** The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha, when received.

#### CENTRAL FILM LIBRARY

243. **Shri N. M. Lingam:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of films and filmstrips in the Central Film Library;