

The Foreign Minister of Chile.
 The Maharaja of Sikkim.
 The Foreign Minister of West Germany.
 The C-in-C East Indies Navy.

Multipurpose Schools in Punjab

220. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the grant sanctioned to the Punjab Government for the purpose of establishing Multi-purpose Schools during the First Five Year Plan period was spent by them; and

(b) the amount of grant that was allowed to lapse?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) In the First Plan a grant of Rs. 48,61,857/- was sanctioned to the Punjab Government. Of this Rs. 24,26,968/- was disbursed to the non-government institutions selected under the Scheme. The remaining amount of Rs. 24,34,889/- could not be utilised.

(b) No amount lapsed since the unspent amount of the First Plan has been duly provided for in the Second Plan.

Retired Majors of the Army

221. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) how many retired majors of the Army were appointed in development works during 1956-57; and

(b) the nature of work entrusted to them?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Six.

(b) Four out of these six officers have been assigned work connected with development of small-scale industries; one is entrusted with instructional-cum-administrative duties in Rail-

ways in connection with the Second Plan and the remaining officer is an Erection Engineer in the Bhilai Steel Project.

Council for Basic and Elementary Education

222. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Radha Raman:

Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Council for Basic and Elementary Education has since been constituted;

(b) if so, its terms of reference; and

(c) the names of the members thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) Not so far, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Welfare of Scheduled Castes

223. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent on the welfare of Scheduled Castes in Punjab under the First Five Year Plan; and

(b) the details of the work done by the Central Advisory Board for Harijan Welfare in this connection?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) Rs. 73,80,643/- including the expenditure incurred by the Punjab Government out of their own funds;

(b) The Central Advisory Board for Harijan welfare came into existence after the First Five Year Plan period was over and therefore, the question of their having done any work in connection with the First Five Year Plan does not arise.