

(b) 80 State Homes and 324 District Shelters/Reception Centres during the entire period of the Second Five Year Plan (1956-61).

(c) Rs. 10.5 crores.

#### Coal-bearing Areas

\*605. **Shri Matin:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked State-wise under the Second Five Year Plan for prospecting virgin coal-bearing areas after acquisition under section 9 of the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act;

(b) the amount earmarked State-wise under the Second Five Year Plan for prospecting virgin coal-bearing areas prior to acquisition under section 4 of the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, and

(c) the contribution, if any, made by the Geological Survey of India?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) and (b) A provision of Rs 40 crores exists for the Coal Development Programme during the Second Plan period. No amount has been specifically earmarked State-wise for prospecting either prior to or after acquisition under the Act.

(c) Exploration for coal by drilling in the Karanpura field was done by the Geological Survey of India. As a result of their drilling, large additional reserves of coal have been proved.

#### Technical Assistance from Finland

\*606. { **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:**  
**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been reached between Finland and

India for providing technical assistance by the former to the latter, and

(b) if so, the number of experts that will be coming to India from Finland in the near future?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two

#### Central Scholarships to U.P. Students

443. **Shri Vajpayee:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students in Uttar Pradesh who were given scholarships in 1956-57 under the various schemes of the Central Government, and

(b) the number of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Class students among them?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrivastava):** (a) One for studies abroad

7,453 for studies in India

(b) None for studies abroad

7,150 for studies in India

#### मन्त्रियों की विदेश यात्राओं पर व्यय

४४४ श्री सुशोभन राय क्या गृह-कार्य मन्त्री यह बतान का कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) भारत सरकार ने गत तीन वित्तीय वर्षों में विदेश जाने वाले केन्द्रीय मन्त्रिमण्डल के मन्त्रियों की विदेश यात्राओं पर जो विदेशी सरकारों के आमन्त्रण पर विदेश भ्रमण के लिये गये, प्रति वर्ष कितना व्यय किया, और

(ख) सरकार ने गत तीन वित्तीय वर्षों में विदेश जाने वाले केन्द्रीय मन्त्रिमण्डल के मन्त्रियों पर कितना व्यय किया ?

गृह-कार्य मन्त्री (पंडित गो० ब० वल्लभ) .

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पटल पर रख द। जाएगा।

#### Life Insurance Corporation

445. Shri P. G. Deb: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state

(a) the total number of life insurance policy holders in the country who had their policies paid up when the life insurance business was nationalised, and

(b) the number of Government employees, both at the Centre and States, who had their policies paid up after the above business was nationalised?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Lok Sabha when it becomes available

#### Development of Laccadive Islands

446. Shri Nallakoya: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether the Second Five Year Plan for the Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands has been prepared,

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government for the implementation of the same, and

(c) the steps taken by Government to open Post Offices and to provide other facilities of communications in the Islands?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) The Second Five Year Plan of Laccadive, Minicoy & Amindivi Islands has not yet been prepared. The proposals of the Administrator in regard to the Plan have, however, been received and are at present under consideration of the Government

(b) Does not arise

(c) It is proposed to open extra-departmental Post Offices in all the major islands as there is at present

no scope for regular Post Offices. It is also proposed to establish Wireless Stations in all the major islands which could be used for transmitting public telegrams as well

#### High Power Coal Council

447. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state the number of meetings held during the months of May, June and July, 1957, and the important decisions taken by the High Power Coal Council?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): No meeting of the Coal Council was held during May, June and July 1957. The Council has, however, appointed four Committees on—

- 1 assessment of resources,
- 2 requirements and utilisation,
- 3 production and preparation; and
- 4 transportation

These Committees are meeting and collecting data on their respective subjects. The report of the second Committee is expected very shortly

#### Zonal Councils

448. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state how many meetings of the different Zonal Councils have been held so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): The Zonal Councils for the Northern, Eastern, Central and Southern Zones have met once. The Western Zonal Council is expected to meet in the near future

#### Ex-Servicemen's Post-War Reconstruction Fund

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

(a) the amount initially given to the erstwhile States of PEPSU from