

(c) whether the works have been completed; and

(d) if not, the nature of the action taken by Government in this respect?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) about Rs. 24 lakhs

(c) All the works have not been completed. It has, however, been reported by Hindustan Steel that the performance of the firms has been generally satisfactory

(d) Does not arise

Dismissal and Suspension of Custom Officers

3336. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) how many custom officers were dismissed and suspended in the years 1957 and 1958, and

(b) what were the general charges?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible

Grants to Voluntary Organisations in Punjab

3337 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the total amounts granted as assistance and as loan to the voluntary organisations in Punjab during 1958-59 under the following heads

- (i) development of elementary and secondary education;
- (ii) campus work project schemes, and
- (iii) construction of college hostels?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivastava):

	Rs
(i) For development of elementary and secondary education	Nu
(ii) For campus work project schemes;	2,12,000
(iii) For construction of college hostels	2,76,000

Bharat Scouts and Guides

3338 Shri Abdul Lateef: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state, the amounts of grants given to the Bharat Scouts and Guides during 1957-58 and 1958-59?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivastava):

	Rs
1957-58	2,08,450 50
1958-59	2,97,979 83

Price of Steel Goods

3339 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of manufactured products of steel have been going up considerably, and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to bring down the prices?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Government do not exercise control over the prices of manufactured products of steel

(b) With increasing supplies of steel, it is anticipated that the prices of manufactured products will assume a reasonable level

Admission to Technical Institutions

3340 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state at what stage is the question of holding a common admission examination for all technical institutions in the country?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): The question is under consideration

Educational Development Programme

3341. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Education be pleased