

(b) how much of this amount has been spent so far; and

(c) the number of houses constructed so far?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) A sum of Rs. 531 lakhs has been provided for constructing houses for Harijans in the Third Plan.

(b) A sum of Rs. 171.85 lakhs had been spent upto the period ended 31st March, 1963 i.e. in the two years of the Plan. The position as on 31st March, 1964 is not yet known.

(c) 13,172 houses have been constructed during this period i.e. 1961-1963.

Indian Economic Service

1769. Shi Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the rules regarding the Indian Economic Service were notified in the Gazette;

(b) the number of posts finally accepted for inclusion in the Schedule;

(c) whether the U.P.S.C. made the selections for appointment to the said service, if not, who did so;

(d) the reasons for delay in appointment of the selectees to the duty posts in the service; and

(e) the date on which the appointments will be gazetted?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) The rules for the Indian Economic Service were notified in the Gazette of India Extraordinary on 1st November 1961.

(b) 324.

(c) Selections were made by a Selection Committee constituted by the U.P.S.C. Their recommendations were finally approved by the Commission.

(d) and (e). Appointments to the Service at its initial constitution have already been notified on 17th February 1964. They could not be notified earlier because certain questions relating to the initial constitution of the Service were under consideration.

Youth Hostels in Punjab

1770. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to Punjab State for the construction of youth hostels during 1963-64; and

(b) the place in which such hostels have been constructed during the year?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhakt Darsan): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

E.N.I. President's Visit to India

1772. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of the Italian Combine E.N.I. recently visited India;

(b) if so, the purpose of his visit; and

(c) the result of the discussions held with him?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The visit was in part a goodwill gesture, but, in the main, the purpose was to see public sector oil developments in India and to discuss the question of further utilisation of the credit afforded by the E.N.I. for oil projects in this country.

(c) New projects under the E.N.I. credit are being discussed at a technical level.