

Mishra): (a) 45 permanent posts have been provided for in the Selection Grade of the C.S.S. and there has been no increase since 1955.

(b) Though figures for 1955 are not easily available, the number of Deputy Secretaries in 1958 was 207 while the figure now is 219. It cannot be said that there has been huge expansion at that level. As for the number of permanent posts in each Service, it depends on the administrative needs for which each Service is drawn upon.

University for North-East India

1605. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee jointly set up by the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission to examine the question of setting up a University for the north-eastern region of India has recommended the establishment of a federal type of university near Shillong;

(b) whether the recommendation has been considered; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The recommendations of the Committee are under consideration.

Oil Refinery at Tuticorin

1606. Shri Muthiah: Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up an oil refinery at Tuticorin in Madras State; and

(b) whether there are any prospects of foreign assistance in this matter?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fertiliser Plant, Tuticorin

1607. Shri Muthiah: Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any intention of setting up a fertiliser plant in the public sector at Tuticorin in Madras State in view of the surrender of licence by Messrs Kothari and Sons;

(b) whether the plant would be set up in the Third Plan; and

(c) if not, whether the scheme would be included in the Fourth Plan?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c). A feasibility study for production and distribution of 1 million tonnes of nitrogen has been undertaken by a group of American Consortium, for completion by the end of December, 1964. Madras vis a vis other locations will be considered. The position will be clear only after receipt of their report.

Forensic Laboratory at Delhi

1608. Shri Brij Raj Singh-Kotah: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a forensic laboratory is being set up at Delhi; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed laboratory will have biological, physical and chemical sections and will be under a qualified director.

Composite Wakf Property

1611. Shri Lahri Singh: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of composite Wakf property transferred so far by