

(d) 945 Pool Officers secured regular I employment in India during the last three years while another 303 scientists selected to the Pool secured employment without having to join the pool.

(e) 49 Pool Officers left the Scientists' Pool and went abroad during the period July, 1964 to June, 1966.

BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS

851. SHRI N. R. M. SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the postal authorities have stopped cashing British Postal Orders; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGANNATH RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

ZONAL COUNCILS

852. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Zonal Councils which have held their meetings since the 1st June, 1966;

(b) whether any progress has been made for forming Zonal police forces; and

(c) whether Zonal Councils are helpful in sorting out disputes between the various States in the Zones ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI) : (a) The Eastern Zonal Council held a meeting on the 16th July 1966.

(b) The scheme of Common Police Reserve Force has been accepted by all the five Zonal Councils and their member-States have earmarked their respective quotas of force for the Common Police Reserve Force.

(c) The Zonal Councils have been helpful in settling a variety of inter-State problems such as those relating to power water supply, irrigation, commerce, development of fisheries, development and maintenance of roads and bridges and removal of domiciliary restrictions.

EXAMINATION REFORMS IN THE COUNTRY

853. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an intensive programme of examination reforms throughout the country is proposed to be undertaken soon; and

(b) if so, the organisation that will be entrusted with the work ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAOLA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Council of Educational Research and Training will assist the Central and State education authorities in this field.

SETTING UP OF FERTILIZER FACTORIES BY PRIVATE FIRMS

854. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of letters of intent issued to private firms for setting up of fertilizer factories in the country with or without foreign collaboration, which are to be completed by 1968-69;

(b) the number of those firms whose progress of work has not been satisfactory;

(c) the number of those in respect of which the letters have been revised; and

(d) the number of those where the letters of intent had to be cancelled ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) The following two firms intend to set up fertilizer factories in collaboration with foreign firms. Their projects are expected to be completed by 1968-69 :—

(1) Delhi Cloth & General Mills Ltd., Delhi.

(2) M/s. Birla Gwalior Private Ltd., Bombay.

(b) None.

(c) One.

(d) None.

855. [Transferred to the 31st August, 1966.]