

SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: Is the Provident Fund deduction same as in civilian employment in respect of other ranks? In view of the short-service of the other ranks, I thought you should pay some special consideration for higher Provident Fund deductions.

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: I am afraid I have not said that point. But it compares better with the civilian...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Vallabha Rao.

TEACHERS IN BASIC SCHOOLS IN DELHI

*78. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHA-RAO: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state the present number of teachers in Basic Schools in Delhi who are not confirmed?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): 690.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: May I know why they are not confirmed?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: This process of confirmation is a continuous one and is in charge of the Corporation and it is engaging the attention of the Corporation.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: How long are they kept as unconfirmed teachers?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Well, Sir, the teachers in the senior Basic Schools who were appointed before 1-8-1955 have all been confirmed. The junior Basic School teachers appointed before 1st September, 1951, have been confirmed. They get their cases reviewed periodically and I expect the Corporation to take the necessary steps.

INCREASE IN MENTAL CASES IN INDIAN AIR FORCE

*79. DR. A. SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a regular increase in the number of mental cases in the Indian Air Force during the last few years; and

(b) if so, whether Government have investigated into the causes of the increase?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CENTRAL INDIAN MEDICINAL PLANTS ORGANISATION

*80. SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Will the Minister of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central Indian Medicinal Plants Organisation has been set up by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research; and

(b) if so, who are the members of that Organisation and what are their qualifications?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR) : (a) No, Sir, but it is in the process of being set up.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The Organisation consists of two parts, (i) the Executive Council, and (ii) the functional field centres. At its meeting held on the 15th October 1958, the Governing Body of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, has constituted the Executive Council. The Executive Council

will take steps to bring the functional centres into being as soon as possible.

The members of the Executive Council of the Central Indian Medicinal Plants Organisation are: —

1. Prof. M. S. Thacker, Director General, Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi—*Chairman*.
2. Representative of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi—*Member*.
3. Representative of the Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi—*Member*.
4. Representative of the Forest Research Institute and Colleges, Dehra Dun—*Member*.
5. Representative of the Botanical Survey of India—*Member*.
6. Col. R. N. Chopra, C/o, Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu-Tawi—*Member*.
7. Representative of the Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow—*Member*.
8. Representative of the National Botanical Gardens, Lucknow — *Member*.
- 9 & 10. Two representatives from States—*Members*.
11. Financial Adviser to the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi—*Member*.

The members of the Executive Council have been appointed to represent the various interests concerned. Col. Chopra has been appointed in view of the fact that he has specialised in the study and development of medicinal plants.

HIGHER TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE IN DELHI

*81. SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Will the Minister of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consi-

deration to start a higher technological institute in Delhi? If so,

- (a) what is the expenditure involved; and
- (b) when the institute will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR) : No, Sir.

- (a) and (b). Do not arise.

SMUGGLING OF GOLD FROM PAKISTAN, THROUGH JODHPUR

*82. SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of gold is smuggled from Pakistan to India through Jodhpur;
- (b) if so, whether this smuggled gold is sent to all parts of India by post and railways; and
- (c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government have taken to apprehend the culprits involved in the smuggling?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) It is a fact that some gold smuggled from Pakistan to India across the Rajasthan border passes through Jodhpur.

- (b) There are some reports to this effect.
- (c) Various and progressively intensive steps are being taken to combat smuggling of gold from Pakistan ■ to India and to apprehend the culprits involved.

OIL FOUND AT VADSER

*83. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state whether it is a fact that oil has been found at Vadser near