

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether we are producing radio sets that will serve the purpose of other Ministries here like the Railways and others?

SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH: That is the objective, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: How long will they take to become self-sufficient with regard to the supply of radio sets required for Railways and other Ministries?

SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH: I have not got the actual date when we will be able to achieve the target in production. Since the question is confined to crystals, if a separate question is given notice of, I shall be glad to supply the information.

WIND POWER DIVISION

*82. SHRI B. C. NANJUNDAIYA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 9 in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July 1956 and state:

(a) whether the Wind Power Division has since been set up; and

(b) if so, at what cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (DR. MONO MOHAN DAS):

(a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI B. C. NANJUNDAIYA: May I know the reasons?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: We are finding it difficult to find a properly and adequately qualified man in this line who may be placed in charge of the Division.

NATIONAL FUNDAMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

♦83. SHRI B. C. NANJUNDAIYA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to

state whether the National Fundamental Education Centre has begun to function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): Not yet, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: When will it begin to function?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Some time during this year.

RELIGIOUS TEACHERS

84. SHRI B. C. NANJUNDAIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by Government on religious teachers employed to teach the personnel of the Armed Forces during 1956-57?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA): An expenditure of Rs. 5,81,829-39 nP. was incurred on the pay and allowances of the religious teachers during 1956-57.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, Sir, in what denominations religious teaching is going on and who are the teachers?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: Regarding teachers you have got these padres, you have got these 'Granthis', the 'Mullas' and others who look after these.

SHRI D. A. MIRZA: Sir, ours is a secular State. I wish to know why these religious persons are brought in for the army personnel.

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: It is in the decision of the Government. The facilities for religious instruction and subsidising it are in a way an amenity for the convenience of the troops.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Is this religious teaching given in the units or at some teaching school?