

Parliament find it difficult to get on with Rs. 400 per month as salary?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: Sir, all these factors have been represented to Government and the Government must have been aware of what the position is. I would also like the hon. Member and the House to remember that there are difficulties and complicated circumstances for the Government to consider before coming to a decision in this matter.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SOCIAL EDUCATION CENTRES

no. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state the amount spent by Government on the opening of Social Education Centres under the scheme of providing employment for the educated unemployed during two years 1953-54?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA AHUL KALAM AZAD) : The requisite information has been called for from the State Governments concerned and will be supplied later.

COLONISATION IN THE NICOBAR ISLANDS

1. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer given in the Council to my Unstarred Question No. 521 on the 13th May 1954 and state: ,

(a) who were the experts sent by Government in 1949 to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) when these experts submitted their report to Government;

(c) what were the reasons given by them against colonisation in the Nicobar Islands;

I (d) whether any Indians are settled in these islands; if so, how many; and

(e) whether any Indians have shown their willingness to settle in any of the islands in the Nicobar I group?

THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND STATES (DR. K. N. KATJU): (a) The following experts visited the Islands:—

(i) Shri H. R. Shivdasani, I.C.S.. Joint Adviser, Ministry of Rehabilitation.

(ir) Shri A. P. Hamilton, Inspector-General of Forests.

(iii) Shri R. L. Sethi, Agricultural Development Commissioner.

(iv) Shri DeMellow, Superintending Engineer, Central Public Works Department, Calcutta.

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; (c) An extract from the report I bearing on this point is placed below. I /See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 1.1

(d) The total number of Indians, other than the original inhabitants, in the Nicobars is 219. They are mostly traders and officials.

(e) No.

MANGANESE ORE

2. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state the quantities of different grades of manganese ore available in the various States of India?

THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD) : A statement giving the information available is laid on the Table of the Council. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 2.]