

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

INVENTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC AND ACCEPTED BY GOVERNMENT

72. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) how many inventions received from the public were examined by Government during the last three years;

(b) how many of them were found acceptable to Government;.

(c) what assistance and encouragement were given by Government to those persons whose inventions were found useful; and

(d) what were the inventions which were accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Council in due course.

CESSES LEVIED BY GOVERNMENT

73. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many kinds of cesses are at present levied by the Central Government;

(b) what is the total collection from each of these cesses;

(c) the new cesses levied since August 1947; and

(d) the cesses abolished since 1947?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI M. C. SHAH) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course. 137 C.S.D.

INDIAN STUDENTS VISITING FOREIGN LANDS IN 1952-53

74. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of batches of Indian students who visited or toured foreign countries during the year 1952-53;

(b) the number of batches of foreign students who visited India during the same period; and

(c) the names of the countries visited by Indian students and the names of the countries from which foreign students came to India?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) Three.

(b) Twenty-one.

(c) (i) Indian students visited Afghanistan, France, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

(ii) Students from Afghanistan, Australia, Burma, British East Africa, Canada, Ceylon, France, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Malaya, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sweden, Thailand and the United States of America, visited India.

LOSS OF STORES DUE TO DETERIORATION IN STORAGE

75. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state the proportion of losses during the year 1953 due to deterioration of stores to the total volume of stock held?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): The storage losses during 1953 in all Defence Services' installations, excluding Air Forces and Directorate-General, Armed Forces Medical Services, constitute 0.09 per cent, of the value of the stocks held.