

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The Central Government cannot take any action; unless we get the required information we are unable to publish the report.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH: Sir, after asking again and again, if the State Governments do not send it?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: We can only send repeated reminders.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: May I know whether any of the States which have not yet furnished the figures for the years after 1948-49 have been denied the benefit of grants from the Central Ministry of Education?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I want notice for that.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: May I know the number of statisticians employed for preparing the next annual report for 1949-50?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I require notice for that information. But I may inform the hon. Member that the report for 1949-50 is under preparation and every effort is being made to publish it as quickly as possible.

SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR: What are the States that have not supplied the information so far?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The up-to-date position with regard to the receipt of the required statistics for the years from 1949-50 to 1951-52 is as follows:—

1949-50.—Statistics pertaining to Uttar Pradesh, Hyderabad and Jammu and Kashmir for the year still remain uncorrected.

1950-51.—Statistics only from the States of West Bengal, Bombay, Punjab, Bilaspur, Delhi, Tripura and Vindhya Pradesh have been finally corrected.

1951-52.—Statistics from Madhya Pradesh, Hyderabad, Jammu and Kashmir, Saurashtra and Travancore-Cochin are still awaited.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: Does the hon. Minister know that the annual report of the State of Uttar Pradesh for the year 1949-50 has been published and has been circulated?

PROF. G. RANGA: That is exactly the point. These people are sleeping.

(No reply.)

LITERARY PERCENTAGE AMONG SCHEDULED TRIBES

*456. KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state what percentage of persons belonging to the Scheduled Tribes especially women is literate?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): Caste or tribe-wise figures for literacy were not extracted at the Census. Hence the information is not available.

KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: What is the total Scheduled Tribes population of India?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: It is given in the Census Report.

SHRI B. N. DATAR: About two-crores.

PURCHASE OF AN OIL TANKER FOR THE INDIAN NAVY

*457. SHRI B. RATH: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government have purchased an oil tanker for service in the Indian Navy; if so,—

- (i) from which country this tanker was purchased;
- (ii) what is the cost of the vessel; and
- (iii) what were the terms of the purchase?