

- (a) Income-tax;
- (b) Export duty on Tea grown in Assam;
- (c) Excise duty on Tea grown in Assam;
- (d) Export duty on Jute products and Jute grown in Assam;
- (e) Export duty on Petrol and Kerosene produced in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House when complete.

GOLD PARTICLES IN MAHANADI BED

9. SHRI B. R. DUBE : Will the Minister for PLANNING & IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state whether gold particles have been found in the bed of river Mahanadi near Hirakud Dam area? If so, what steps are being taken by the Government to explore and utilise the said gold particles?

THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING, & IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA) : No, Sir. The Director, Geological Survey of India reports that some persons mistook some small streaks of sulphide mineral found in rocks in the area for gold. The specimens were analysed in the laboratory of the Geological Survey of India at Calcutta, and found to contain no gold.

TRAINING CENTRES OF BOYS' COMPANIES

10. SHRI J. S. BISHT : Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to abolish the training centres of the Boys' Companies?

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SHRI N GOPALASWAMI) : No.

KUMAON REGIMENTAL CENTRE

11. SHRI J. S. BISHT : Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to move the Kumaon Regimental Centre from its present headquarters at Ranikhet?

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SHRI N. GOPALASWAMI) : No, Sir.

AID TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

12. DR. S. K. BHUYAN : Will the Minister for EDUCATION & NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the literary, historical, cultural and research organizations and institutions to which financial aid has been given by the Central Government during the last four years, viz., 1948-49 to 1951-52; and

(b) the amount of aid given to each such organization or institution in each of the above four years?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO SHRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to inform the Members that I have received the following letter from Shrimati Rukmini Devi Arundale :

"I wish to inform you that owing to an engagement fixed last year, I shall have to be away in Europe and America from 15th May to the beginning of November 1952. I shall be thankful if you will kindly obtain for me leave of absence from the Council of States for the period of my absence from its sessions."