

SHRI KRISHNA MOORTHY RAO : May I know whether the State Government concerned is consulted before the prices are fixed?

SHRI S. N. BURAGOHAIN : Yes, Sir, they are represented on the Indian Central Sugarcane Committee.

SHRI S. N. MAHTHA : What is the rate for Bihar ?

SHRI S. N. BURAGOHAIN : Rs. 1/12/-.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

INDIANS IN CEYLON

13. DR. RAGHU VIRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians in Ceylon who have not registered themselves as Ceylonese Nationals;

(b) the number of Indians settled in Ceylon who have not yet been recognised as Ceylonese Nationals;

(c) how many of them are born in Ceylon; how many speak the language of Ceylon and how many amongst them have married Ceylonese citizens;

(d) did the Ceylon Indian Congress ever seek advice from the Government of India before it boycotted registration of Indians as Ceylonese Nationals; and

(e) how many Ceylonese Nationals reside in India?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : (a) and (b). The number is quite considerable. Out of a population of nearly 9½ lakhs of Indians in Ceylon, 237,034 are reported to have applied for Ceylon citizenship by 6th August 1951. A vast number of such applications for registration are still lying undisposed of. Only 9,040 Indians have been admitted to Ceylon citizenship upto 15th May 1952.

(c) The information has been called for from the Indian High Commissioner in Ceylon and will be placed on the Table of the Council of States when received.

(d) No.

(e) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Council of States when available.

SCHOOLS FOR INDIANS ABROAD

14. DR. RAGHU VIRA : (a) Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state how many schools are there outside India which cater to the requirements of Indian students ?

(b) How many Indian boys and girls come home to India for University studies ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : (a) and (b). No reliable information is available. If the hon. Member indicates what countries outside India he refers to and what he means by the "requirements of Indian students", the information will be collected and laid on the Table of the Council.

CULTURAL ATTACHES ABROAD

15. DR. RAGHU VIRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) in how many countries has the Government of India appointed Cultural Attaches;

(b) what are the qualifications of the Cultural Attaches;

(c) what work are the Cultural Attaches doing;

(d) what funds are allotted for disseminating knowledge about India through our Cultural Attaches;

(e) in how many Indian Embassies are there libraries concerning India for the use of those who are interested in India;