

Questions

way of determining the number of persons deterred from visiting this Manpower office due to stairs or the physical layout of the building. It is government policy to provide easy access to federal buildings and commercial establishments where space is leased for the accommodation of government departments thereby creating as few obstacles as possible to handicapped persons.

ADULT TRAINING OF INDIANS

Question No. 2,286—**Mr. Yewchuk:**

How many Indian workers were accepted under adult training programmes for the 1967-68 and 1968-69 sessions in the constituency of Athabasca and (a) of these how many completed the programme (b) of these how many are now gainfully employed on a fulltime basis?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Adults placed in training under the Adult Occupational Training Act are not identified by racial origin. The question cannot, therefore, be answered.

LINGUISTIC REQUIREMENTS IN CAPITAL AREA

Question No. 2,294—**Mr. Paproski:**

1. Has the Public Service Commission recently made a ruling stipulating bilingualism (knowledge of French and English) as a condition of employment for every position in the National Capital Area?

2. What is the text of this or any similar ruling on this question made within the last six months governing public service employment in the Capital Area?

3. What is the purpose of such a ruling?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: 1. No. However, Section 4 of the Public Service Employment Regulations, published in Volume 101 Extra of the Canada Gazette, dated March 17, 1967, provides that proficiency in both official languages is a desirable qualification for all positions in the National Capital Region for which such proficiency is not an essential qualification.

2. Not applicable.

3. Not applicable.

*TEXAS GULF SULPHUR COMPANY—GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Question No. 2,300—**Mr. Nystrom:**

1. Has the government given any financial assistance to Texas Gulf Sulphur Company within the last two years?

[Mr. Forest.]

2. Under what programs, on what date and to what extent was financial assistance given?

3. Has this company filed application for any further assistance from the government and, if so, on what date and under what program was the application filed and what stage has this application reached?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the answer to this question is divided into three parts.

1. No.

2. Not applicable.

[English]

The answer to the third part is, yes. Ecstall Mining Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, filed two preliminary applications on May 12, 1969, under the Area Development Incentives Act. The applications are under review.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MAINLAND CHINA

Question No. 2,301—**Mr. Beaudoin:**

1. On what basis will the government proceed to establish diplomatic relations with Communist China?

2. What will be the nature of the relations or exchanges?

3. Has the Government of Nationalist China made it known to the Government of Canada that it would abolish or change its diplomatic representation here if Canada establishes diplomatic relations with Communist China?

[Translation]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Discussions are now going on between representatives of Canada and the People's Republic of China for the very purpose of determining whether a mutually acceptable basis can be worked out for the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and the People's Republic of China, and it would therefore be inappropriate for me to comment on this matter at this time.

2. The nature of the relations or exchanges is of course amongst the questions now being discussed.

3. No.

[English]

CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Question No. 2,329—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs provide subsidies and/or support