

## B. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

52. No consolidated accounts showing the transactions and balances under Capital, Remittance, Debt and Deposits heads have been prepared or published so far, for the Vindhya Pradesh Union as a whole. The replies furnished by the Union to the Committee's Questionnaire show that :—

- (a) there are no specific *productive* capital assets 'federal' or 'provincial' ;
- (b) current assets (cash balance and investments), current loans and advances etc. totalled Rs. 304·64 lakhs, taking into account the balances of Rewa State at the end of September 1948 and those of the other Covenanted States at the time of handing over. The position at the end of March 1949 was as follows :—

	Rs. in lakhs
Cash & Bank Balances . . . . .	106·16
Investments . . . . .	87·11

- (c) a figure of Rs. 77·96 lakhs has been given in the answer to the Questionnaire as representing current liabilities, but full information is lacking as to the exact amounts at the credit of particular deposit heads or Funds.

It has been further ascertained that —

- (i) a sum of Rs. 3·5 lakhs at the credit of the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Fund has been kept out of the Government accounts altogether ;
- (ii) the amount creditable to the Coal Mines Stowing Cess Fund has been merged in the General Revenues and separate accounts have not been kept ;
- (iii) Central Road Fund allotments have not also been accounted for separately ;
- (iv) Investments to the extent of Rs. 15 lakhs are held on account of a Civil List Investment Fund.

53. The allocation of assets and liabilities will be made on the following lines.

Any "unproductive" assets actually in use by the Departments concerned with "federal" subjects will be taken over by the Central Government by inventory. No valuation is necessary or need be attempted.

There are apparently no "productive" capital assets of a "federal" character to be similarly transferred.

The "current" liabilities relating to "federal" matters (such as Provident Funds of personnel taken over by the Government of India in connection with the administration of "federal" subjects) and funded liabilities of a 'federal' character such as Coal Mines labour Welfare Fund, Coal Mines Stowing Cess Fund, will have to be taken over by the Centre, together with a corresponding amount of "liquid" assets.

For the rest, the *net* surplus of cash and liquid investments, after providing for all current and funded liabilities is likely to be very small, and we recommend that the Centre may, as a matter of concession, refrain from claiming any share of such assets on federal financial integration.