

central statutory university is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Overseas Chinese Association of India

147. Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the activities of the Overseas Chinese Association of India which owes political allegiance to the Chinese Republican Government of Taiwan; and

(b) whether this Association is allowed to freely carry on propaganda and publicity in favour of the Taiwan regime in the Press and otherwise in this country?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Association has not come to notice for indulging in propaganda activities which call for action by the Government.

University for Assam Hill Districts

148. { **Shri R. Barua:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri D. D. Mantri:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Wadia Committee's report about the setting up of a university or an institute for the Hill Districts of Assam has been considered by Government;

(b) if so, what will be the complex of the institution to be set up; and

(c) how far such an institute will bring about an integrated approach

to higher education in the eastern region consisting of Assam, Nagaland, NEFA and Manipur?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (c). The report of the Committee recommending the setting up of a University or an institution "deemed" to be a University in the North Eastern Region of India is under consideration of the Central Government.

Panel of Experts

149. { **Shri D. D. Puri:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized the panel of experts decided upon to be formed in the medical, engineering and teaching fields;

(b) if so, the composition and functions of the panel; and

(c) if not, when the panel is expected to be formed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) to (c). The reference is presumably to the panels of experts maintained by the Ministry of Home Affairs for meeting certain demands from developing countries of Asia and Africa. There can be no finalisation of panels, but once formed, they are continued by additions and deletions.

The number of persons at present borne on medical, engineering and teaching panels are given below:—

Medical	242
Engineering	694
Teaching	507

These panels are drawn upon when persons from them are found suitable for meeting the demands.