

touched the reserve rate (Rs. 32.00) fixed for that area. No change is contemplated on the present procedure of auctioning lands.

**Cloud-Burst in Trivandrum**

476. { Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Eswara Reddy:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether an unprecedented cloud-burst hit Trivandrum on the 17th October, 1964;

(b) if so, the estimated damage caused by it; and

(c) the relief measures taken?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra):** (a) There was a rainfall of about 16 inches.

(b) Eight lives were lost. Five persons were injured due to collapse of buildings. More than 2000 buildings were damaged, either fully or partially. The damage to property caused by the calamity is estimated to be Rs. 7 lakhs approximately.

(c) The entire police force in the city was mobilised for rescue operations. Boats were carried in lorries to the flood affected areas and people were evacuated to places of safety. Nearly 5664 persons were rescued and accommodated in 18 relief camps opened in the city. Gruel was supplied to the inmates of the relief camps free of cost. Free ration was also given to the people in distress. A total quantity of 104 rice bags were distributed. Financial assistance was given to the distressed for the repair or reconstruction of the houses affected by the calamity. A sum of Rs. 50,314 has already been disbursed to the heads of 1694 affected families till now. The question of granting loan assistance to persons belonging to middle income and low income groups whose pucca houses were either partially or substantially damaged, is under the consideration of State Government.

**Indian Students in People's Friendship University, Moscow**

477. { Shri Warrior:  
Shri Daji:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government were informed that the People's Friendship University, Moscow is in a position to admit Indian students to the medical faculty; and

(b) if so, what decision was taken by Government thereon?

**The Minister of Cultural Affairs in the Ministry of Education (Shri Hajarnavis):** (a) Yes, Sir. This was specifically stated for 1961-62, but not for 1962-63, 1963-64 and 1964-65 offers.

(b) Students were selected for the medical faculty whenever specific offers were made to the Government of India.

**Pakistani Nationals in Government Establishments**

478. { Shri Jena:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item in the 'Hindustan Standard' dated the 16th October, 1964 that some Pakistani nationals are still working in some important positions in India; and

(b) if so, the number of such Pakistani nationals at present working in the various establishments under the Central Government and the number of them serving under the State Governments?

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