

**Mismanagement in Institute for Physically Handicapped**

2442. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the charges of mismanagement of the Institute for Physically Handicapped since 1974; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to reform the management of the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) Due to simmering financial and other troubles over some years, the staff, students and workers of the then Jawaharlal Nehru Complex of Institutions went on strike in July 1973. The strike was resolved with the intervention of the Ministry of Labour and this Department. An agreement was reached between the management and strikers in September 1973. The management did not comply with the terms of the agreement but considered it as inoperative. During the period from April to August 1974 a series of articles appeared about the Institution. On the basis of a 'Call Attention Motion' a discussion took place in the Rajya Sabha on 4 September, 1974 about the charges of mismanagement in this complex of institutions.

(b) In view of the charges of mismanagement, Government of India took over the then Jawaharlal Nehru Complex of Institutions on 22 May, 1975. To facilitate the functioning of the Institutions, Government entrusted the management to an autonomous Society named "The Institute for the Physically Handicapped" registered under the Societies Registration Act.

**Expenditure Incurred on residences of the Members of the Council of Ministers**

2443. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state the amount spent on (a) renovation, (b) furnishing and (c) purchase of additional equipment for residence and office separately by each of the Members of the erstwhile Council of Ministers since 1971 to March, 1977 year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

**सरकार के पास दालों का स्टॉक**

2444. श्री राघव जी : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 15 जून, 1977 को सरकार के पास दालों का स्टॉक कितना था ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री (श्री सुरजीत सिंह बरनाला) : भारतीय खाद्य निगम के पास 15 जून, 1977 को चना सहित 30.2 हजार मीटरी टन दालों का स्टॉक था । ये खरीदारी सेना त्रय संगठन को सप्लाई करने के लिए की गई है ।

**Soil erosion, floods and drought due to removal of forest cover**

2445. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN KADANNAPPALLI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that removal of forest cover