

Commission's Law Panel and the Bar Council, the University was advised in August, 1978 to discontinue the course.

(e) No information is available about Universities offering correspondence course in LL.B through Hindi medium.

Eucalyptus Trees Proving Ruinous for great Indian Bustard in Ranebennur Sanctuary, Karnataka

6610. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the habitat of the 'Great Indian Bustards' in the Ranebennur sanctuary in Karnataka is proving ruinous due to planting of eucalyptus trees; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to halt the plantation of this tree to help the growth of the bird?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Non-availability of Telephone Service from some Exchanges in Calcutta

6611. DR. A. U. AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of complaints against non-availability of telephone service from the subscribers of telephones in "41, 42, 52, 54, 35, 36" exchanges of Calcutta. Telephones are rising abnormally;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that telephones remain out of order for months together in a number of cases;

(d) whether the Calcutta Telephones do not even offer proportionate refund of telephone hire charges to the subscribers for the period their telephone remain unworkable; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and action being taken to adopt such method of refunds in letter and spirit so as to ensure proper maintenance by the Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However there is a seasonal rise during monsoons as compared to the pre-monsoon period.

(c) Yes, Sir. In some cases, when the cable develops multiple faults.

(d) and (e). Rebates in rental are not allowed for the periods the telephone remain faulty since the Department has to spend a huge sums in repair of the faults which are beyond its control and the department also loses call revenue while the telephones are out of order. Maximum efforts are made to repair faults as quickly as possible. The cable networks which suffer during monsoons are being protected by pressurisation and ducting.

Engineers' Bill

6612. SHRI N. SELUVARAJU: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state the present stage of the Engineers' Bill which seeks control and regulate the practice of the engineering profession in the country?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): No such Bill called the Engineers' Bill is at present under the consideration of Government.