

(a) the number of junior colleges in Lakshadweep;

(b) the number of existing junior colleges which are proposed to be upgraded; and

(c) the time by which such upgradation is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) There are 2 junior colleges in Lakshadweep.

(b) No such proposal has been received by the Government from the UT Administration.

(c) Does not arise.

Recruitment Rules for TGTs In Schools of Delhi Administration

940. SHRI M.S. PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the qualification of 'B.Ed' was not essential in the Recruitment Rules for initial appointment of TGT (Science-B Group) teachers in Schools of Delhi Administration in the past;

(b) whether the condition of compulsory 'B.Ed' was made for a short period to promote some junior TGT (Science-B Group) teachers in Delhi Administration;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the condition was removed subsequently resulting in suppression of some senior TGT (Science-B Group) teachers; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to review the cases of affected persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON):

(a) Yes, Sir; initially it was not essential.

(b) and (c). No Sir. It was made compulsory in the year 1975. The requirement of 'B.Ed' was not waived but only relaxation was given in the year 1985 in respect of those teachers appointed before 1975 for the limited purpose of departmental promotion to the grade of PGT (Languages).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Zonal Science Advisory Councils

941. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute Zonal Science Advisory Councils on the basis of the recommendations of the Indian Science Congress held in Madurai last year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). No such recommendation has been received by the Government.