

Gobar Gas Plants

2122. SHRI D. AMAT :
SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA
BOSE ALLURI :

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

(a) the number of Gobar Gas Plants set up by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) during the 1978; and

(b) the location of each plant?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA) : (a) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission has set up a total of 5879 gobar gas plants from January to September, 1978.

(b) Information regarding location of each plant is being collected and will be placed on the table of the Lok Sabha as early as possible.

Report of Gujral Committee

2123. SHRI NATVERLAL B. PARMAR :

SHRI C.K. JAFFAR SHARIEF :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) when the Gujral Committee on the Development of Urdu was set up when its report was submitted and the main recommendation contained therein ; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI-MATI RENUKA DEVI BARKATAKI) : (a) and (b) The Committee for Promotion of Urdu under the Chairmanship of Shri I. K. Gujral was set up on 5th May, 1972. The report of the Committee was submitted to Government on 8th May, 1975. No decision has been taken so far by the Government on the report of the Committee.

Drinking water projects in Rajasthan

2124. SHRI CHATURBHUIJ : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level World Bank team had visited Rajasthan

recently to finalise the Rs. 200 crore drinking water project to solve drinking water problem in the State ;

(b) if so, what are the other Central agencies providing financial assistance for the said project ;

(c) when the project will be completed; and

(d) what would be the area of its benefits?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT) : (a) to (d) A World Bank team visited Rajasthan in October, 1978, to make a preliminary study of the Projects for rural water supply (Rs. 109 crores) and urban water supply (Rs. 53 crores) in Rajasthan. The State Government has been advised by the Government of India to revise the Project and comply with certain requirements so that a viable project could be posed to the World Bank for assistance.

Setting up of special disaster assistance programme

2125. SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the flood havoc in most of the States in the country, Government are considering to set up special disaster assistance programmes so as to meet the future needs more effectively without encroaching upon plan finance; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the assistance programme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA) : (a) There is no proposal to set up "special disaster assistance programmes".

(b) Does not arise.

Grants to Rao Tula Ram College Delhi towards cost of land etc.

2126. SHRI SHYAM SUNDAR GUPTA :

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any grant has so far been paid to the Rao Tula Ram College, Delhi

towards the cost of its land, building and furniture, etc.]

(b) whether the expenditure incurred on the annual repairs of building has not been paid by U.G.C. and also, the reasons thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to make payment to the College Trust?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER) : (a) and (b). No grants towards purchase of land, construction of college building, or annual repairs has so far been sanctioned by the University Grants Commission to the College as neither the land nor the building has been transferred in the name of the Governing Body, as per requirements laid down by the Commission. As 'on account' grant of Rs. 18517.44 has, however, been paid to the College for purchase of furniture and office equipment as the Commission's share of the expenditure on those items.

(c) Grants from the Commission are paid to a college and not to a Trust which sets up the college.

Refugees in India

2187. **SHRI HALIMUDDIN AHMED :** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of refugees in India as yet;

(b) whether Government have worked out any programme either to settle them here or send them back in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT) : (a) As on 30-11-1978, about 21,500 families were awaiting resettlement.

(b) Settlement programme have been worked out for them.

(c) It is proposed to progressively settle new migrants from former East Pakistan mainly in Dandakaranya extending to about 1983. The camps for the Chhamb displaced persons are likely to be closed by the end of the financial year 1978-79. Schemes for the displaced persons from West Pakistan in Rajasthan and Gujarat have been sanctioned to be implemented

in about 2 to 3 years. The work relating to the rehabilitation of Sri Lanka repatriates will continue, consistently with the actual rate of repatriation.

News item entitled "Indian School Textbooks Riddled with Sexism"

2128. **SHRI SHIV SAMPATI RAM :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been invited to a news item which appeared in the "Hindustan Times" dated the 29th September, 1978 under the heading "Indian School Textbooks riddled with sexism"; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The press report states that there is sex bias in the language school textbooks in India. The Government is not aware of the tools and techniques used by the author of the article for collecting data and, therefore, cannot offer any comments on it. However, NCERT has included sex bias in its tools of evaluation of textbooks as one of the points to be examined, particularly in language textbooks. The National Seminar on Status of Women held in 1975-76 had also suggested some guidelines to be followed by the authors and academicians working on textbooks. NCERT have advised all authors and academicians working on their textbooks to keep these guidelines in mind.

Houses allotted under Special Housing Scheme of D.D.A.

2129. **SHRI HARGOVIND VERMA :** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons registered under special Housing Scheme in Delhi who have been allotted houses;

(b) the number of persons out of them who have taken possession of the houses; and

(c) whether complaints in regard to defects in these houses have been received.