

Effect of Price rise of Paper on School Books

2791. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state the effect of price rise of paper on school books and exercise books?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): The price rise of paper may have some effect on the prices of textbooks and exercise books in future. The exact effect cannot be indicated at this stage.

Opening of Part Time Degree College for Diploma Holders in Delhi

2792. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following a strike of the students of three Polytechnics in Delhi, the Minister of Education assured the students on the 19th January this year that a part-time Degree college for Diploma holders would be opened in Delhi in the present academic session;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the financial arrangements were also cleared by the Education Department and the U.G.C.;

(c) if so, why such a part-time degree college has still not been opened; and

(d) when it is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (d). In consideration of the Memorandum submitted by the representatives of the students of three polytechnics, it was agreed in principle to introduce part-time Degree courses in Engineering for diploma holders who are in service, at the Delhi College of Engineering. A suitable provision has been made in the Plan

of the Delhi Administration. The College of Engineering have referred the matter to the University of Delhi for preparation of Syllabus and completion of other academic formalities. After the necessary clearance, the Courses will be started.

Telex Facilities in District Bhawani Patna, Orissa

2793. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide telex facilities in the District headquarters, specially Bhawani Patna, Phulbani of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) No such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Plots for Lower Income and Middle Income Groups

2794. SHRI R. L. P. VERMA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5726 on the 28th July, 1980 regarding plots for lower income and middle income groups and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a final decision for allotment of plots of land to the people on reserved rates;

(b) if so, the number of plots being released by the DDA during the current years and in 1981 on reserved rates;

(c) the sizes of plots proposed to be offered, their estimated cost and the areas where these are expected to be offered;

(d) the income of the people being fixed by the DDA for entitlement to various sizes of plots; and