

(b) the details of the actual staff deployed in each State for each industry at present; and

(c) the action taken to augment the staff requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Excavation of Subarna Bihar in Nadia (West Bengal)

8738. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the existence of the Subarna Bihar, a Buddhist shrine of the early centuries, in Nadia in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government or any of its agencies have any plan for excavation of the Bihar; and

(c) when Government will go in for the excavation of the Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) There is an ancient circular mound, locally called Subarna Bihar, near Krishnanagar town in District Nadia, West Bengal.

(b) and (c). The Central Government have no plan to excavate this mound.

Dropping of some games in Asiad events

8739. SHRI A. C. DAS:
SHRI RAMNATH DUBEY:

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

(a) whether Government have taken decision for dropping some of

the games from the Asiad events which were decided earlier;

(b) if so, the name of those items; and

(c) which events have been finally selected for the Asiad Games?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c). The matter is currently receiving attention of the Special Organising Committee for the Asian Games, 1982 and the Government is awaiting the considered views of the Committee.

Free Education to Children of low paid employees

8740. SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL:
SHRI CHAKRADHARI SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government have any scheme to give free education to the children of low paid employees;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to lack of financial resources low paid employees can hardly afford to provide good education to their children; and

(c) if the Government have no scheme to provide financial help to children of such employees for education etc. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) In so far as Central Government employees are concerned there is no scheme for free education of the children of the low-paid employees. However, while elementary education is free for all children in almost all States/Union Territories, Central Government employees are given concessions like (i)

re-imbursement of tuition fees paid for their children, (ii) children's educational allowance, and (iii) hostel subsidy for children who are obliged to study at places other than the Headquarters of their parents, and live in hostels.

(b) Government has introduced several schemes to help talented children belonging to financially weaker families, including families of low-paid Government employees, to pursue their studies at school and post-school levels. These include (i) scholarships on merit-cum-means basis at post-matric level, (ii) scholarships for study in good residential schools, (iii) loan-scholarships for studies at post-matric level, and (iv) scholarships for studies abroad at post-graduate and post-doctoral levels. Government has also set up a large number of Central Schools all over the country to provide un-interrupted and good education to the children of Central Government employees liable to frequent transfers.

(c) Does not arise.

Publication of works of Indian Authors in Foreign Languages

8741. SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts are being made to publish works of eminent Indian authors in foreign languages in cooperation with the publishing agencies of those countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Book Trust, by organising biennially World Book Fairs in Delhi, by participating in major Book Fairs held abroad each year and by organising Book Exhibitions abroad, promotes publication of works of eminent Indian authors in foreign languages in cooperation with publishing agencies of those countries. The role of the Trust in this is to bring to-

gether the author, the Indian publisher and the foreign publisher who between them negotiate terms for the publication of such titles in foreign languages. Mention may also be made of the collaboration of Sahitya Akademi with the Unesco's project of Mutual Appreciation of Eastern and Western Cultural Values through which also some books of eminent Indian writers have been published in foreign languages through foreign publishers.

Memo Re. Despatch of Mails at Poladpur

8742. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sabhapati Panchayat Samiti, Poladpur in Raigad district of Maharashtra has submitted a petition to P.M.G., Bombay on 12-2-1981 for change in present arrangement of despatch of outgoing and incoming mails at Poladpur;

(b) whether any steps have been taken in this connection; and

(c) if not, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestion of Samiti was examined and it was not found advantageous as compared to the existing mail arrangements.

(c) Does not arise.

U.G.C. Grants to Gunupur College, Koraput, Orissa

8743. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Berhampur University recommended the name of Gunupur College, Koraput, Orissa for the consideration of University Grants Commission and to provide the grants to that college in the year 1980-81;

(b) if so, the recommendations therefor and the grants released by the Commission for that college in the year 1980-81; and