

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Does not arise.

**Allocation for Cocoa Development**

5636. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated for cocoa development in 1981-82;

(b) the total amount allocated to Karnataka State for the purpose;

(c) whether Government are considering to allow any subsidy to Karnataka cocoa growers; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (KUMARI KAMALA KUMARI): (a) An amount of Rs. 1.36 lakhs has been proposed in the budget for 1981-82 for the development of cocoa under the Central Sector scheme.

(b) The amount allocated to Karnataka State during 1981-82 under the Central Sector Scheme is Nil.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Connection of Distt. H. Qrs. with State Capitals through STD System**

5637. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to connect all District Headquarters with State Capitals with STD service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of Districts so connected during 1981-82.

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

(b) 103 District headquarters have already been connected with the respective State capitals by STD. The remaining District Headquarters are planned to be similarly connected by STD progressively during the present and the next Plan.

(c) The number of District Headquarters planned to be connected to the respective State Capitals during 1981-82 is five.

**Selection Grade to Teachers of D.M.C. School's**

5638. SHRIMATI CHENNUPATI VIDYA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Headmistresses and Lady Assistant teachers engaged by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in their primary schools run by them, seniority-wise;

(b) how much service is required to be rendered by Headmistress/Lady Assistant teacher to become eligible for getting selection scale; and

(c) how many Headmistresses/Lady Assistant teachers are getting selection scale and up to what year they have been covered?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) According to information furnished by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, the position is as under:—

No. of  
Headmistresses  
751

No. of Asstt.  
Teachers  
6,426

(b) The Selection grade is allowed strictly on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness and not on the basis of number of years of service rendered.

(c) No. of Selection Grade Head-mistress—94

(Covered up to 11-9-59 Seniority)

No. of Selection Grade Lady Assistant Teachers—640

Covered upto 11-9-59 Seniority)

#### Quality of Controlled Rate Exercise Books

5639. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item in Hindustan Times dated the 24th January, 1981 that the exercise-books at control rates supplied by the Delhi Administration run by Text-book Bureau only reached the market after Diwali and the quality is so poor, both of paper and the binding that children prefer to spend double the money for privately-produced exercise books;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for school-children of Government Schools where the price factor is important, the controlled exercise-books offer no variety and they are all single-lined while the children need four-lined books, checked ones for maths and one side blank ones as well; and

(c) if so, what are the facilities Government propose to provide to the children in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The attention of Government has been drawn to the News Item in question. According to information furnished by the Delhi Administration, it is not correct that exercise books in reference reached the market only after

Diwali. Whenever any defective exercise books came to the notice of the Delhi Administration, the manufacturers were penalised for the same and the defective exercise books were withdrawn from the market. From the records of sale of such exercise books it is seen that they have been quite popular and are in demand. Exercise books of all the four types were supplied to students through their schools, and through retailers in the market. It is, therefore, not correct that only single-lined exercise books were available for sale at controlled rates.

#### Plot for Construction of Hospital for the Employees State Insurance Corporation in South Delhi

5640. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 acre plot had been reserved in South Delhi for construction of an hospital for the Employees State Insurance Corporation;

(b) whether it is a fact that E.S.I. had also deposited the amount with the Delhi Administration for its possession;

(c) whether it is a fact that this plot plus 5 acre more has been allotted to Modi Group of Industries for ultra modern sophisticated hospital for only 67 lakhs;

(d) whether the DDA had taken objection to his sudden change-over; and

(e) if so, the reasons for depriving the E.S.I.C. of this earmarked plot and the reasons for giving it to an industrialist?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA