

Prizes To States For Girls Education

4154. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to give prizes to States which do good work regarding the education of the girls; and

(b) if so, the value of the prizes proposed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) A proposal for rewards to States, based on excellence of performance in the field of girls' enrolment is under consideration of the Government of India.

Restructuring of Cadre/Upgradation of Posts

4155. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether large-scale restructuring of cadres/upgradation of posts on the Railways has been carried out;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether similar restructuring of cadres/upgradation has been carried out in Railway Board Secretariat Service or is contemplated in the near future;

(d) if so, details thereof; if not, reasons therefor;

(e) total cadre strength of Railway Board Secretariat Service in various grades and the number of employees stagnating at the maximum of scale of pay and number who have put in a total of more than 40 years service in the grade;

(f) whether members of Railway Board Secretariat Service are enjoying parity with Railway Services in regard to promotion to the higher administrative posts;

(g) if so, details thereof; if not reasons therefor; and

(h) measures taken/proposed to be taken to remove stangation and provide more avenues of promotion for Secretariat Services ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI) : (a) to (h) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Setting Up Of A Medical Institute In North Eastern Region

4156. SHRI BISHNU PRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Government to set up a Medical Institute in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI) : (a) and (b) The Government of India have decided to set up an Institute of Medical Sciences in North Eastern Region at Shillong. The Institute will function as a referral Centre providing super-speciality care. In due courses it will also provide training facilities to medical personal deputed by the Governments/N.Ts in the region.

Commonwealth Conference

4157. SHRI BISHNU PRASAD : SHRI CHITTA BASU : SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the preparations made for the Commonwealth Conference to be held in Delhi;

(b) the subjects included in the agenda of the Conference;

(c) outcome of the visit of the Sec-

retary General of the Commonwealth organisation; and

(d) what is the expected amount to be spent on the meeting ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) The Commonwealth Secretariat is responsible for the general organisation, conduct and servicing of the meeting. As host country, India has to provide full logistic support which includes provision of conference facilities and media centre, making arrangements for security, accommodation, transport protocol, hospitality, telecommunications, media facilities, conference, programme etc. Necessary arrangements in all these fields including for the Retreat of Heads of Delegations in Goa are being made.

(b) In accordance with the established practice, the Commonwealth Secretary-General in consultation with the member countries circulates details of a provisional agenda about 10 weeks in advance of the meeting.

(c) The Secretary General of the commonwealth visited Delhi from 11-15 July, 1983, He held discussions with the Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and other senior officials on different aspects of the forthcoming CHOGM Meeting. He was also briefed on various arrangements being made for the Conference.

(d) At this stage details of expenditure being sought from the various departments involved in making arrangements for the CHOGM.

A.S.I. Excavation Projects During 1950-1983

4158. **SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) total number of excavation projects undertaken by Archaeological Survey of India since 1950 up to the year 1982-83;

(b) the amount involved and out-turn received in terms of publication of excavation reports, so far;

(c) Whether there is some delay in publishing the reports giving the findings of excavation and detailed lists by the persons engaged for the same though the excavations are already completed; and

(d) if so, the names of excavation sites and the reasons for delay for publication by the persons concerned therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) The Archaeological Survey of India has undertaken about a hundred and fifty excavations of major, minor and trial types between the period from 1950 to 1982-83.

(b) The archaeological excavations are intended to shed light on archaeological problems and as such the expenditure incurred on these highly scientific operations have no relation to the out-turn received in terms of publication of excavations reports, although each excavation yields a good number of valuable antiquities.

(c) and (d) The results of each year's excavations are published from 1953-54 in the Indian Archaeology—A Review (an annual departmental publication) and other journals. The minor and trial excavations do not warrant further reports. There has been delay in the publication of some of the detailed report of major excavations for various reasons. No time limit has been prescribed for the compilation and publication of excavation report, as these involves detailed analysis and comparative study and minute documentation of excavated material including pottery and antiquities etc. which are time consuming. Being a highly skilled job demanding primary authentic research, it requires a kind of team work. The writing of report and making it press ready itself take considerable time. Out of major excavation reports seven are being made press ready, while eleven