

OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA): According to the University of Delhi, candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes have been registered by the University for purposes of admission to the various courses in the Colleges. 20% of the total number of seats in each course have also been reserved for the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (15% for Scheduled Castes and 5% for Scheduled Tribes interchangeable, if necessary). Relaxation to the extent of 5% in the minimum marks has also been given to these candidates in order to determine their eligibility and merit for admission to the course concerned.

The total number of students registered in the University will be divided on the basis of their first and subsequent preferences for allotment to the various colleges and admission slips will be issued to them and the colleges will be informed of the list of all students, so registered, by the University.

Variation in prices of Admission Forms and Prospectus sold by different Colleges in Delhi

3748. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the prices fixed for admission forms and prospectus vary from College to College in Delhi ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps Government propose to take to bring uniformity in the prices of admission forms and booklets sold by Colleges in Delhi ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that poor students who are unable to purchase these booklets of various Colleges are able to select the College, of their own choice ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA): (a) to (c). According to the University of Delhi, there is some variation in prices of admission forms and prospectus published by colleges. This is on account of the size of the prospectus and the cost involved in getting them printed. The question of bring-

ing uniformity in the prospectus of different colleges as well as fixing reasonable price is being reviewed by the University.

Efforts made to trace the missing Indian Cargo Vessel "Mahajagmitra"

3749. SHRI BRIJ RAJ SINGH—KOTAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what further efforts have been made to ascertain whether the cargo ship found grounded at about same time near Bhola Islands in East Pakistan was the same Indian Cargo vessel "Mahajagmitra", which had left Calcutta Port on the 11th November, 1970 ; and

(b) if not, what further action has been taken by Indian Government in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) According to the information received from Mr. R. Bragg, a Director of the South East Asia Shipping Company, and the Deputy High Commissioner of India in Dacca, the vessels grounded near Bhola Islands were all Pakistani vessels. Mr. Bragg, in his evidence before the Court of Enquiry also stated that he caused an aerial search to be made in his presence of areas over Bhola in Barisal district and portions of Noakhali and Sandwip Islands, but there was no trace of M. V. "Mahajagmitra." On the basis of evidence placed before the Court, it came to the conclusion that the loss of the vessel was an act of God, so to say, in the heavy weather under severe cyclonic storm.

(b) Extensive aerial searches of our coastal areas and the coastal areas of Pakistan and Burma outside territorial waters were carried out but without any positive result.

श्रीलंका आदिवासियों की शिक्षा तथा आर्थिक उन्नति

3750. श्री राजराज सिंह—कोटा : क्या शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या महाराणा प्रताप के शौर्य की