

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes.

(b) A portion of the plot has already been handed over to the Kerala Education Society, as desired by the Government of Kerala. The remaining portion is occupied by the Delhi Police. As soon as it is vacated by them, this portion also will be handed over to the State Government.

Promotion in Medical Colleges

3918. **SHRI BALATHANDAYUTHAM :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of teaching personnel in medical Colleges every year are promoted to Super Grade I positions ;

(b) whether Medical Teachers promoted to such grades are not allowed to continue their teaching profession ; and

(c) whether as a consequence of the above policy, there is a great shortage of experienced teachers in Medical Colleges ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) No. However, Supertime Grade II Officers (which category also includes professors of Medical Colleges drawing their teaching staff from the Central Health Service) who have rendered not less than six years of service in that category, are considered by the Departmental Promotion Committee for promotion to Supertime Grade I of the Central Health Service from time to time.

(b) Supertime Grade II Officers, irrespective of the fact whether they are medical teachers or otherwise, and who are approved for promotion to the Supertime Grade I of the Central Health Service are posted to available vacancies in that grade keeping in view their suitability i.e. possession of requisite post-graduate qualification and experience for appointment to these posts. The services of teachers are as far as possible utilised in teaching institutions.

(c) No. However, there is a general shortage of teachers in the Medical Colleges, especially in the non-clinical posts and super-specialities.

External Affairs Minister's Visit to G. D. R.

3919. **SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a friendly country like the German Democratic Republic was not included in his tour programme ; and

(b) if so, whether it has only a passionate propensity towards purely protocol propriety which prompted him to omit Berlin (G.D.R.) from his itinerary ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The German Democratic Republic was not included in the tour-programme of the Minister of External Affairs in June, 1971.

(b) It was not possible for the Minister of External Affairs to visit all friendly countries. However, Dr. Karan Singh, Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation, recently visited the German Democratic Republic.

Statement made by Mr. Thomas Oduro-Kwaten of Ghana News Agency Re : Happenings in Bangla Desh

3920. **SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the reported statement in Calcutta by Mr. Thomas Oduro-Kwaten of the Ghana News Agency in early June that the basic fact about Bangla Desh happenings and the massive influx of evacuees into India had not been effectively brought to the notice of the African Press and other mass media ;

(b) whether he has looked into the failure of our relevant diplomatic agencies implicit in the statement ; and

(c) whether any steps were taken by our diplomatic missions in Africa in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, Government do not sub-