

(b) the names of Members of Parliament and Ministers who had not paid amount of arrears of rent, furniture, electricity, water etc, to Government upto 31st January, 1972;

(c) the amount of arrears against each aforesaid person separately;

(d) the steps taken by Government to recover the amount; and

(e) why the amount was not deducted from the salary of the aforesaid members of Parliament and Ministers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

Pilot Project for Adult Literacy

5374. SHRI M. RAJANGAM : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether adult literacy pilot projects have been set up by Government;

(b) the approximate population of the country likely to be benefited as a result thereof;

(c) whether pilot districts have been selected for this purpose and if so, their names; and

(d) the expenditure incurred on the above scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a) to (c). The Government have under consideration the proposal of introducing a comprehensive programme of Out-of-School Education, including adult literacy as part of the proposed scheme of model schools and Nehru Youth

Centres, to be set up in all the districts in the country.

2. The Government have also under consideration the proposal of eradication of illiteracy in some districts during the Fourth Plan and this is being processed in consultation with the State Governments and the Ministry of Finance. The population to be covered and the districts to be selected will be known only when the scheme is finalised,

(d) No expenditure has, so far, been incurred.

Setting up of University for Hill Areas at Shillong

5375. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHANDA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2403 on the 10th April, 1972 regarding setting up of University in Tripura and Cachar zone state :

(a) the date when Government are going to set up a University at Shillong for the Hill areas ; and

(b) whether the proposed University will cater to the needs of the adjacent States or Districts by introducing medium of instructions in languages other than English ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASSAN) : (a) and (b). Committee set up by the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare is at present engaged on working out the details of the proposal for the establishment of the Central University at Shillong. On receipt of the Report of the Committee, action to introduce legislation for the establishment of the University will be initiated. It will be for the University authorities to decide the medium of instruction.