

Enquiry into death of an Officer's wife in External Affairs Ministry's Hostel New Delhi

732. SHRI S. N. MISRA :

SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the circumstances leading to the death of an Officer's wife owing to the faulty functioning of a lift in the External Affairs Ministry's hostel in February last;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in Government of India buildings in Delhi/New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). A Committee consisting of officials of the Central Public Works Department, Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals, Directorate General, Technical Development and the Central Water and Power Commission has been set up to enquire as to how the accident occurred and to suggest remedial measures.

(c) Necessary action will be taken on receipt of the report of the aforesaid Committee. In the meanwhile all lifts have been checked for safe operation and landing doors of lifts, which are defective are being physically locked.

Change in Administrative Structure of Delhi University

733. SHRI S. N. MISRA :

SHRI AMAR NATH CHAWLA :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the administrative structure of Delhi University is likely to undergo a major change, if so, the main features of the changes likely to be introduced;

(b) whether the Central Government have rejected a proposal for two Universities in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the manner in which it is proposed to meet the needs of the growing student population in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) to (c). The Ministry of Education and Social Welfare is proposing to amend the Delhi University Act in the light of the recommendations of the Gajendragadkar Committee which have been accepted by Government in principle.

Sometime ago the Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University suggested that another University might be established in Delhi which should take over all the colleges located in South and West Delhi. The Government were unable to accept this recommendation because there are already two Central Universities in Delhi.

The University Grants Commission has appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University to examine the administrative and organisational difficulties of the University in view of large increase in enrolment. The Committee will also take into account the educational/research needs of the University for the next 10 years or so and suggest changes which would enable the University to discharge its functions and responsibilities adequately. The report of the Committee is awaited.