

Illiterates in Madhya Pradesh

2781. SHRI MARTAND SINGH OF REWA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of illiterates in the State of Madhya Pradesh at the end of the year 1971; and

(b) the steps proposed to speed up the programme of making persons literate ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY (a) According to Census of India 1971, there were 3,24,36,041 illiterates in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Eradication of illiteracy is the responsibility of the State Government. However, to supplement the efforts of the State Government, the Government of India have sanctioned Functional Literacy Programmes in four districts in Madhya Pradesh. Also under consideration are proposals for introducing a scheme of Pilot Projects for Eradication of illiteracy in Selected Districts and a scheme of Eradication of Illiteracy through National Service Scheme Volunteers.

B-Ed. Seats in Delhi

2782. SHRI D. K. PANDA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of seats for B. Ed. in the Union Territory of Delhi both in Jamia Millia Islamia and Delhi University ;

(b) whether the number of seats is too small in comparison to other States with the result that most of the candidates seek admission for B Ed in the Colleges of nearby States causing great financial stress to the parents; and

(c) whether in view of the large number of candidates in the Union Territory of Delhi, especially female candidates, Government propose to increase the number of

seats substantially in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) 340 during 1972-73.

(b) and (c). The number of seats is determined keeping in view the physical facilities available. It is for the University of Delhi and Jamia authorities to consider the question of increasing the number of seats for the B. Ed. course.

Strike in Arts College, Tilak Marg, New Delhi.

2783. SHRI D K. PANDA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the students of College of Art, 22, Tilak Marg, New Delhi are on strike for the past several months; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether due to this strike the Annual Examinations have been postponed indefinitely inspite of the fact that a certain Section of the students presented themselves on the examination date and ;

(c) the steps Government propose to end the strike and hold the Annual Examinations as early as possible;

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) to (c). The students went on strike on 13th of January, 1972. The immediate cause of the strike was :

(i) the unfounded fear of the students that the National Diploma in Art of the All India Council for Technical Education would be discontinued and that only State Diplomas would be awarded; and

(ii) that the part-time evening courses would be shifted from the College of Art to a private institution in Delhi.

Later the students demanded immediate affiliation of the College to the Delhi University and grant of University Degree