

(ख) राष्ट्रीय और अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन भारतीय संस्कृति के प्रचार के लिए सामान्यतः उपयुक्त मंच नहीं हैं। फिर भी भवसर आने पर यह सावधानी बरती जाती है कि ऐसे मंचों पर सही भारतीय दृष्टिकोण प्रस्तुत किया जाए।

(ग) विदेश स्थित भारतीय राजदूतावास विदेशों में भारतीय संस्कृति के प्रक्षेपण का निरन्तर प्रयास करते रहते हैं ताकि वहां पर भारतीय सांस्कृतिक महत्त्वों को पूरी तरह से समझा जा सके। भारतीय सांस्कृतिक सम्बन्ध परिषद् द्वारा और विभिन्न देशों के साथ सांस्कृतिक विनिमय कार्यक्रमों के जरिए भी ऐसे ही प्रयत्न किये जाते हैं।

Enforcing Quality Control on Drugs and inquiry into Drug adulteration

7660. DR. H. P. SHARMA:

SHRI S. N. MISRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision have been taken to enforce quality control on drugs and for effectively controlling the prices of essential drugs and if so, the outlines thereof; and

(b) whether any Commission has been appointed to go into the question of drug adulteration, sub-standard drugs and the drug prices and if so, the composition and terms of reference of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR): (a) Provisions for enforcing quality control of drugs already exist under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the rules framed thereunder in 1945. The Drugs Standard Control Organisation at the Centre and in the States exercises control over the quality of drugs imported into, or manufactured, distributed and sold in the country.

The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1970 regulates the prices of all drugs and formulations. Under this Order, the selling prices of certain essential bulk drugs have been fixed. The Order also prescribes norms for fixing the consumer prices of drugs and manufacturers are not permitted to increase the selling prices without prior approval of the Government.

(b) Three Committees had earlier studied the impact of quality control measures in respect of drugs and have made recommendations.

Regarding prices, a Working Group under the Chairman, Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has examined the cost structure of another 25 bulk drugs and the norms of conversion and packing charges and their report is under consideration in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals. Besides this, the question of setting up of an Expert Committee consisting among others of Members of Parliament, etc. to look into the various aspects of the drug industry is also under consideration in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals.

Farm Management Courses in Indian Institution of Management, Ahmedabad

7661. SHRI DHAN SHAH PRAHDAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4667 dated the 18th December, 1972 regarding Farm Management Course in Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad and state:

(a) the number of students with First Class marks in Agricultural Engineering or those who are likely to graduate with first class in July this year from Agricultural Universities at Hissar and Pantnagar, who applied for admission to one-year Diploma Course in Farm Management, Ahmedabad this year;

(b) the number of students who were allowed to take the written examination; and

(c) the reasons for not allowing all the First Divisioners or the prospective First Divisioners to take the written examination as is done by the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta for the management courses?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) Nine candidates who had completed or were to appear for B.Sc. Agriculture Engineering at U.P. Agricultural University at Pantnagar had applied. No candidate from Hissar had applied for admission to the one-year programme for management in agriculture at Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

(b) Two.

(c) (i) The basis for calling candidates for test and interview is the application rating, based on the trend of academic performance of the candidate starting S.S.C. or Higher Secondary until the final examination.

(ii) The applicants are ranked on the basis of the application rating.

(iii) All the candidates whose scores were above the average score of the application rating of the total admission for the 1973-74 batch were called for a written test and interview.

Reference to Agricultural Engineering Graduates for appointment in Public Industries

7662. **SHRI DHAN SHAH PRA-DHAN:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4790 on the 18th December, 1972 regarding stress on appointment of mechanical engineers to posts suitable for agricultural engineering graduates and state:

(a) whether a number of Public Undertakings give preference even now to Graduates in Mechanical Engineering for Engineering posts under schemes connected with Agriculture; and

(b) whether circulars are proposed to be addressed to Public and Private Sectors for giving preference to Agricultural Engineering Graduates for manning posts connected with agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) No authentic data is available with this Ministry.

(b) No, Sir.

Agricultural Engineering Graduates of G.B. Pant University and their placement

7663. **SHRI DHAN SHAH PRA-DHAN:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4668 on the 18th December, 1972 regarding Placement Officer and Employment and Guidance Bureau in Agriculture University and state:

(a) the number of Agricultural Engineering Graduates who passed out from G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology in First Division in 1972;

(b) the number of such graduates who obtained placements through the help of the Dean of Students Welfare; and

(c) the difficulty in opening a regular Placement Officer in the University on the lines of the Employment Bureau functioning in Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana and Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) 13 Agricultural Engineering Graduates passed out in First Division during 1971-72.