

All India Council for Secondary Education

1886. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Secondary Education met in New Delhi in the middle of April, 1962;

(b) if so, whether the question of further promotion of education among women at Secondary level figured at the meeting;

(c) what aspects of the question were considered; and

(d) what decisions, if any, were taken in this regard?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a). Yes.

(b) No.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

Panna Diamond Mines

1887. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of schemes for the exploitation of the Panna Diamond Mines have been sanctioned; and

(b) the progress so far achieved in the implementation of the schemes?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) and (b). The Panna Diamond Project has been entrusted to the National Mineral Development Corporation for implementation and will consist of a number of individual mines. Already, the Project Report for the Ramkherya Mine, with a target output of 12,500 carats per annum has been sanctioned, as well as the Project Report for the Majhgawan Mine, with a target output of 30,000 carats per annum. These mines are expected to commence production within 1963. It is also intended to introduce later a second shift in the

Majhgawan Mine, for an additional output of 30,000 carats per year. Question of opening of a third mine will also be considered as part of the phased programme.

Colleges for Training of Teachers

1888. Shri Krishnapal Singh: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to start four regional colleges for training teachers in specialised subjects;

(b) what is the financial provision meant for the purpose;

(c) whether the Universities have been consulted whether they could have run the courses with necessary financial aid;

(d) why it is that selected existing colleges cannot be developed and improved to serve the same purpose with much less cost;

(e) what is the *per capita* recurring expenditure on training of teachers in the Central Institute of Education, Delhi in colleges affiliated to different Universities and in the proposed colleges; and

(f) what is the *per capita* capital expenditure for these institutions compared with a out 15 selected institutions one in each State?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a). Yes. The Four Regional Colleges will train teachers for multi-purpose Secondary schools.

(b). Rs. 3.32 crores during the Third Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d). State Governments had been consulted, but not the Universities. Consultations with the State Governments confirmed the view that for the special kind of training required for multipurpose schools, it was not University departments of Education.

(e). *Per capita* expenditure in the Central Institute of Education is