

appropriately be taken up by that Assembly.

Team of Indian Botanists to U.S.S.R.

414. Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of Indian Botanists visited U.S.S.R. in October, 1962; and

(b) if so, what was the specific purpose of the visit of this team?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir. The team is still in U.S.S.R.

(b) To collect plant specimens, seeds, living plants, where possible and explore different floristic regions of the Soviet Union. The visit is in reciprocation of a visit by Russian Botanists in 1961, as a part of the Cultural and Scientific Exchange Programme between India and U.S.S.R.

Indian National Commission for Co-operation with U.N.E.S.C.O.

415. { Dr. P. Mandal;
Shri M. L. Dwivedi;
Shri S. C. Samanta;

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the items that have been discussed in the Fifth Conference of the Indian National Commission for Co-operation with the UNESCO?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): The Indian National Commission for Co-operation with UNESCO at its fifth Conference on 26-27 September, 1962 considered the Secretary-General's Report on the activities of the Commission for 1960-62; rules for admission of non-governmental organisations as associate members of the Commission; applications from non-governmental organisations for admission as associate members; reconstitution of the National Advisory Committee for the UNESCO East-West Major Project; proposed programme and budget of

UNESCO for 1963-64; and the future programme of work of the Commission.

Tribal Housing in Punjab

416. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the total amount allocated for the tribal housing scheme in Punjab State during 1962-63 so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): In the Backward Classes Sector of the Third Five Year Plan there is no Scheme of tribal housing in Punjab.

प्राइमरी स्कूलों में विद्यार्थी

४१७. श्री किशन पटनायक : क्या शिक्षा मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्राथमिक स्कूलों में भर्ती होने वाले बच्चों की संख्या में १९६१-६२ में कितनी वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) उड़ीसा और पश्चिम बंगाल में कितनी वृद्धि हुई है ; और

(ख) यदि पश्चिम बंगाल और कलकत्ता में बहुत कम प्रगति हुई है तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शिक्षा मन्त्री (डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली) :

(क) से (ग). राज्य सरकारों और संघीय क्षेत्रों से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और यथा समय सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

राजाओं द्वारा राष्ट्रीय रक्षा कोष में दान

४१८. { श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :
श्री प्र० चं० बस्त्रा :

क्या गृह-कार्य मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारत के कितने राजाओं ने अपने प्रिवी पर्स में भारतीय सुरक्षा कोष निमित्त कटौती की है तथा अपनी संचित धन राशि में से कितना सोना दिया है ?