

(क) क्या महात्मा गांधी की जन्म शताब्दि को राष्ट्रीय समारोह के रूप में मनाने के लिए कार्यक्रम तैयार करने के लिए कोई समिति गठित की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके अध्यक्ष और सदस्य कौन कौन हैं ; और

(ग) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर नकारात्मक हो, तो तत्सम्बन्धी योजना एवं कार्यक्रम कौन बना रहा है ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (श्री म० क० चागला)
(क) नहीं । शिक्षा मंत्रालय ने ऐसी कोई समिति गठित नहीं की है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जहाँ तक इस मंत्रालय के ज्ञात गांधी स्मारक निधि ने इस प्रयोजन के लिए एक प्रारम्भिक समिति बनाई है ।

Assistant Commissioners of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

13. Shri Ram Sewak Yadav: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to open six new offices of Assistant Commissioners of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the estimated annual expenditure on the new offices and why it has been considered necessary to open these during emergency?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra):

(a) Yes.

(b) The total estimated expenditure on these new offices will be about Rs. 2.10 lakhs per annum. This will be met from savings from the existing allocations.

Though the decision to have these new posts has been taken recently, the question of re-organisation of the

Commissioner's establishment was under examination before the Emergency was declared.

The decision was taken after a full examination of its merits to ensure better results in the implementation of the schemes for the welfare of Backward Classes.

Three-Year Post-Graduate Courses

14. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has recommended three-year post-graduate courses in subjects like Physics and Mathematics in place of the present two-year courses; and

(b) if so, Government's decision on this proposal?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cochin Refinery

15. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the setting up of the Cochin Refinery; and

(b) the steps being taken to prepare a scheme for setting up a complex of petro-chemical industries around this refinery?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) Work for acquisition of land is proceeding satisfactorily and the vacant possession of the whole site is likely to be obtained by end of May, 1964. Work on site preparation and access roads is in progress. Contract for construction of houses with the architects and town planners is under consideration. Discussions are also in progress with the Cochin Port authorities in regard to port facilities.