

(b) The reasons for the strike were the demands made by some workers for restoration of allowance for additional work done by them for blasting work peculiar to this mine.

(c) The agreement between the management and the workmen dated 21st October 1965 regarding wages etc., has been implemented.

(d) The extent of loss is reported to be Rs. 1,40,008. As already stated, the strike was called off on the 6th of January after agreement was reached in conciliation proceedings.

Research in Commerce and Management

1416. Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a demand has been made to set up a machinery that will coordinate Research in Commerce and Management;

(b) whether Government have considered this demand; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to be given a practical shape?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (c). The All India Commerce Conference held under the auspices of the Indian Commerce Association at Vallabh Vidyanagar on the 28th December, 1965, recommended setting up of a machinery to co-ordinate research in commerce and management sciences. No formal request has been received by the Government to set up such a machinery.

Free School Text-Books

1417. Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shri Dinan Bhattacharya:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain State Governments have failed to supply free school text-books to students as promised and instead are supply-

ing books of low quality at high prices; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to remedy the situation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran): (a) No, Sir. Most States supply either free or subsidized text-books, at the Primary level.

(b) Does not arise.

Technical Institute in Orissn

1418. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any junior technical schools are proposed to be opened in Orissa during 1966-67; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Telephones Connections in Orissa

1419. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for grant of telephone connections pending in various telephone exchanges in Orissa as on the 31st January, 1966; and

(b) the steps taken to expedite the matter?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri Jaganatha Rao): (a) 2339.

(b) Continuous efforts are being made to set up new telephone exchanges and to expand the existing telephone exchanges to the maximum possible extent consistent with the available resources.