

Board for Engineering industries excluding Steel Plants, which was set up in December 1964, is now examining the Wage structure of various categories of employees in the industries in question.

(b) and (c). The recommendations of the Wage Board are awaited.

Hindi Books Rewarded

1427. **Shri Badshah Gupta:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the Hindi Books which have been rewarded by Government during the last decade?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhakt Darshan): The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Allowances for Shrimati Lal Bahadur Shastri

1428. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:**
Shri Gulshan:
Shri Lahri Singh:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to extend certain allowances and benefits to the widow of the late Prime Minister and his children; and

(b) whether proper arrangements have already been made in this connection?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Minister of Defence Supplies in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). Sanction has been issued for—

(i) life pension of Rs. 15,000 per annum to Shrimati Shastri;

(ii) allotment to her of suitable residential accommodation from the general pool at Delhi/New Delhi, rent being charged under F.R. 45A or 10 per cent of the pension whichever is less; and

(iii) extension of medical treatment facilities under the Central Government Health Scheme to Shrimati Shastri and her family, as for pensioners.

Laboratories under Vigyan Mandir Scheme

1429. **Shri Gopal Datt Mengi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural laboratories set up under the Vigyan Mandir Scheme upto the end of 1965 (State-wise);

(b) the total number of tests of soil, water and plants conducted by them for the benefit of local agriculturists; and

(c) the number of pamphlets issued to spread this knowledge and the expenditure incurred thereon?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran): (a) to (c). A statement giving the available information is laid on the Table of the House, [Placed in Library, See No. LT-5660/66].

Correspondence Course and Evening Colleges for University Education

1430. **Shri Gopal Datt Mengi:**
Shri Maheswar Naik:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where arrangements exist for imparting university education through correspondence courses and evening colleges; and

(b) whether the University Grants Commission has taken up this matter with the various Universities to encourage such courses?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). So far only the University of Delhi has started correspondence course for the B.A.