

SHRI G. S. REDDI :
SHRIMATI B. RADHABAI :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state the number of printed publications brought out by the examination unit of the National Council of Educational Research and Training before the 1st May, 1966 and after it became an independent department ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO) : The Examination Reform Unit is not yet a full-fledged and independent Department of the National Council of Educational Research and Training. It is functioning as a part of the Department of Curriculum and Evaluation since August, 1966. Prior to that, Examination Reform work was initiated by the All India Council for Secondary Education in 1958 and after the All India Council was wound up, this work was taken over by the Directorate of Extension Programmes for Secondary Education and finally by NCERT in 1961. The number of publications brought out on Examination Reform is 58 before 1st May, 1966, and 114 from 1st May, 1966 to-date.

N.C.E.R.T.

8988. **SHRI P. ANTONY REDDY :**
SHRI G. S. REDDI :
SHRIMATI B. RADHABAI :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that one Officer who was sent to the United States for study on the expenditure borne by the National Council of Educational Research and Training had not completed the period of bond before she was again sent to the United States preparatory to resignation ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO) : (a) and (b). There is no such case. Only one employee who had been trained in USA under the USAID Programme came back, served NCERT for about two years and has gone back to USA on her own, to join her husband. For this purpose, she has taken the leave due to her under NCERT rules. The terms of the bond executed by her are still in force.

**Department of Curriculum and Evaluation
of N.C.E.R.T.**

8989. **SHRI P. ANTONY REDDY :**
SHRI G. S. REDDI :
SHRIMATI B. RADHABAI :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) how many times the Head of the Department of Curriculum and Evaluation of the National Council of Educational Research and Training has gone abroad during the last three years ; and

(b) the total duration of his absence from India during the year 1968-69 ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO) : (a) The present Department of Curriculum and Evaluation of the National Council of Educational Research and Training was set up in August, 1966. Since then, the Head of the Department has been abroad for five times for attending various international conferences in education. The entire expenditure on his visits was met by the Conference authorities.

(b) The total period of his deputation abroad for attending the conferences was 58 days during the period 1st January 1968 to 31st March 1969.

**Foreign Exchange Allotment to Badminton
Association of India for Participation in
Thomas Cup Match**

8990. **SHRI RAMAVTAR SHARMA :**
Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Council of Sports turned down the request of Badminton Association of India for the sanction of Rs. 5000 in foreign exchange for participation of an Indian team in the Thomas Cup match against Indonesia ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the match has to be played in India ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not sanctioning the amount to the Badminton Association of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) No, Sir. The question