

elsewhere in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in taking the decisions?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government had accepted in principle the Pande Committee Report (80) for phased abolition of freight equalisation scheme subject to subsidisation of transports for remote, inaccessible and isolated areas. However, representations were received from a number of States against abolition of freight equalisation scheme since that would put them into a disadvantageous position. In April, 1986, Government decided to refer the issue to the National Development Council for a decision. The decision is awaited.

[*Translation*]

### **Comprehensive Cultural Schemes in Rajasthan**

6048. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ten more comprehensive cultural schemes were to be prepared in relation to National Heritage Projects under the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether these schemes were prepared:

(c) whether the programme to develop necessary facilities under the scheme in Ajmer district in Rajasthan was also given top priority in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details of the schemes finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

### **Courses in Indira Gandhi National Open University**

6049. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO:  
SHRI KALP NATH RAI:  
SHRI LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:  
SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the courses being offered by the Indira Gandhi National Open University;

(b) the total enrollment this year for different courses by that University;

(c) the new courses proposed to be offered by that University in the coming academic years;

(d) the details of study centres established by that University in different parts of the country; and

(e) number of study centres proposed to be opened during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DE-