

Training to IAS/IFS/IPS Trainees

7654. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several deficiencies in the training given to IAS, IFS and IPS trainees;

(b) if so, whether propose to reform the training according to the new scientific and educational outlooks; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Restrictions on Photography of Historical Monuments

7655. SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are restrictions on photography of historical and archaeological monuments in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal under consideration to relax the existing restrictions; and

(c) if so, the extent of the relaxation and whether such a step would positively attract more tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is proposed to permit video-filming of Centrally protected monuments from out-

side provided (i) it is for non-commercial purpose, (ii) Does not involve any cast (s), and the use of a stand and (iii) no way interferes with customary and religious practices and any repair work. In case of selected monuments admission to which is by tickets, a nominal fee will be charged for photography. It is hoped such relaxation would attract more tourists.

Development of Polytechnics

7656. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: SHRI MANGARAJ MALLIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken/proposed to be taken for evaluation and development of existing polytechnics to transfer technology and technical skills to the rural areas more effectively; and

(b) the efforts made for manpower training in areas like computer science, electronics, instrumentation and bio-sciences, etc. in various states, particularly Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Based on the report of the Working Group on Technical Education, 118 polytechnics in the country have been selected under the scheme of Community Polytechnics to act as focal points to promote community/rural development on scientific lines through transfer of technology to the rural areas. The scheme has been approved by an Expert Committee which has suggested measures for further strengthening and expanding the system and also for increasing the quality and coverage of the system.

(b) The development of technical education is primarily the responsibility of the