

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Why not the Government consider sending this interesting variety to other States including Tamil Nadu where there is dry farming, so that they can also gain some experience.

SHRI ANNAŠAHEB P SHINDE : It is a suggestion for action

Correspondence Courses at Post-Graduate level

*435. **PROF NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR .** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Inter-University Board of India and Ceylon has decided not to allow the introduction of Correspondence Courses at the Post Graduate level;

(b) whether still some Universities are continuing such courses and if so, the names of the Universities concerned; and

(c) the reasons for the decision by the Inter University Board and the reaction of Government to this decision ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a). No, Sir.

(b) According to the available information, the Universities of Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh offer correspondence courses at the post-graduate level in certain subjects.

(c) Does not arise.

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : May I know whether the Ministry is aware that the Inter-University Board have passed a Resolution as mentioned in part (a) of the Question ?

PROF. S. NURUL HASAN : At its meeting held on 1st and 2nd February, 1972, while considering a proposal spon-

sored by the Kurukshetra University with regard to the utility of correspondence courses, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

"In view of the fact that the matter is under consideration at the hands of the Committees in the University Grants Commission as well as in the Ministry of Education, it was resolved to defer the consideration of this item."

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : May I ask further whether there is any uniformity contemplated by the UGC for the introduction of correspondence courses at the post-graduate level, especially with regard to the medium ?

PROF. S. NURUL HASAN : The University Grants Commission appointed a Standing Committee to prepare guidelines for the introduction of correspondence courses at the post-graduate level. It held a meeting on 5th October. It has made certain suggestions, but the UGC has not finalised its recommendations in this regard.

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : In view of the fact that admissions are to take place soon, may I know the exact date by which a decision will be taken, since this is an important question ?

PROF. S. NURUL HASAN : I have not yet received the advice of the UGC. How can I say by which date it will be implemented ?

SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE : In view of the earlier report about the Delhi University's experience in correspondence courses being good, could I know if the Government itself has any view in regard to this matter, so that expedition could take place in the introduction of these courses ?

PROF. S. NURUL HASAN : Government will be guided by the University

Grants Commission in regard to its policy on correspondence courses. Members will recall that a few years ago a seminar of Vice-Chancellors was held on the question of open universities. A Working Group in the Ministry is also considering this question, and as soon its report is finalised the working paper prepared by it is finalised, it will be sent to the UGC and to the Inter-University Board. Without receiving the definite recommendations of the University Grants Commission, it would not be wise for the Ministry to start going through with this scheme

पिछड़े वर्गों को मैट्रिकोत्तर छात्र-वृत्तियाँ

*436. डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय
क्या शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना में पिछड़े वर्गों को मैट्रिकोत्तर छात्रवृत्तियाँ देने के

लिये कुल कितनी राशि नियत की गई है,

(ख) उक्त राशि का राज्य-वार विभाजन क्या है, और

(ग) क्यागत दो वर्षों के दौरान उक्त कार्य के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा बी गई राशि का मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने पूरी तरह से उपयोग नहीं किया है ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION,
SOCIAL WELFARE, AND CULTURE
(PROF. S NURUL HASAN). (a) The Fourth Plan allocations for this scheme are as under

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| Scheduled Tribes | Rs 194.40 lakhs |
| Scheduled Castes | Rs. 870.60 lakhs |

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha

(c) The funds allocated during 1970-71 and 1971-72 have been fully utilised by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

STATEMENT

Statement showing Fourth Plan outlays for the scheme of Post-matric scholarships

| Name of State/U. T. | Scheduled Tribes | Scheduled Castes |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (Rs. in lakhs) | | |
| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 4.00 | 54.00 |
| 2. Assam | 49.30 | 16.70 |
| 3. Bihar | 52.00 | 51.00 |
| 4. Gujarat | 18.90 | 53.10 |
| 5. Haryana | — | 8.00 |
| 6. Jammu and Kashmir | — | 3.00 |
| 7. Kerala | 2.80 | 18.20 |
| 8. Madhya Pradesh | 14.00 | 29.10 |
| 9. Maharashtra | 7.50 | 157.50 |
| 10. Mysore | 1.00 | 47.00 |
| 11. Orissa | 6.00 | 7.00 |
| 12. Punjab | — | 23.00 |
| 13. Rajasthan | 7.50 | 13.50 |
| 14. Tamil Nadu | 0.80 | 65.20 |