

लेखने के लिए हैं। हर तरह सम्भव है कि वे मौसम विज्ञान सम्बन्धी बँसूनों में आए और चीन की मुख्य भूमि के लिए छोड़े गये थे तथा हवा के बहाव से भारत में गिर गये।

Statehood for Tripura and Manipur

*535. SHRI DASARATHA DEB : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government propose to introduce a Bill to confer Statehood to Tripura and Manipur during the current session of Lok Sabha ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : Efforts are being made to get the Bill ready for introduction as early as possible.

Reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes for Recruitment to Government Service

*536 SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-KAPPAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal to increase the percentage of reservation for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for recruitment to Government service on the basis of their increasing strength in the present population ; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). The percentages of reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the services under the Government of India have already been increased w. e. f. 25th March, 1970, so as to be in keeping with the proportion of these communities in the total population of the country according to the 1961 Census, vide Ministry of Home Affairs Resolution No. 27/25/68-Ests. (SCT) dated the 25th March, 1970. A copy of the Resolution is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-429/71]. The figures of population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on

the basis of the 1971 Census are not yet available, and therefore the question of any further revision in the percentage of reservation does not arise at this stage.

Setting up of Dry Port in Delhi

*537. SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for setting up a Dry Port in Delhi ; and

(b) if so, when the proposal is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of implementation of the proposal will arise after a decision on whether or not a "Dry Port" is to be set up is taken.

A. I. R. Station at Tirupati

*538. SHRI T. BALAKRISHNIAH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been received from Tirumala-Tirupati Devasthanams and the Municipal Council, Tirupati requesting the Central Government to construct a Radio Broadcasting Station at Tirupati or Tirumala-Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(b) whether the Tirumala-Tirupati Devasthanams has come forward to give financial assistance for the construction of the Radio Station ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATHPATHY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. But this suggestion has not been found feasible.

Relationship between Planning Commission and State Planning Bodies

*539. SHRI B. S. MURTHY : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 61 on the 26th May, 1971 and state :

(a) how the Planning Commission functions vis-a-vis the State Planning bodies ;