

(c) the site on which the plant is to be built?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c). A proposal to establish a fertilizer factory at Madras is under consideration. Final decision in this respect is expected to be taken in the near future.

Refugees in Assam

2755. Shri Basumatari: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of refugees who entered Assam from East Pakistan from 1st January, 1964 to 31st March, 1965;

(b) the number of Tribal refugees out of them; and

(c) the number of families settled with lands till 31st March, 1965?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri Tyagi): (a) During the period from 1-1-64 to 4-3-65, 1,80,840 migrants from East Pakistan have entered Assam.

(b) The number of tribal migrants from East Pakistan upto 31-10-65 was 45,802.

(c) About 260 families have been allotted land and/or moved to the sites of permanent rehabilitation.

Soviet aid for Higher Education

2756 { **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
Shri Kanakasabai:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether discussions and negotiations being carried on with Soviet Union for Indo-Soviet collaboration in the field of higher and specialised education have resulted in some agreements;

(b) if so, the important features of such agreements;

(c) whether the question of assistance for enlarging regional engineering colleges in India has also been discussed; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Cultural Affairs in the Ministry of Education (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) Yes, Sir. Collaboration between India and U.S.S.R. in the field of Education was recently discussed in Moscow as part of the Indo-USSR cultural exchanges programme for 1965-66 which was finalised on 7th April, 1965.

(b) The important features of the educational part of the programme are:—

(i) provision of scholarships to each other's students, scholars and teachers for study, research and training;

(ii) exchange of Language teachers for teaching in each other's country and provision of Soviet teachers in Scientific and technical fields;

(iii) exchange visits of educationists and scholars for mutual discussions, development of contacts, delivering lectures, study of each other's system of education, including the operation of correspondence courses and evening colleges in USSR;

(iv) development of institutional co-operation between institutions of higher learning and specialised bodies in both the countries by way of exchange of information, publications, material and expert assistance;

(v) reciprocal establishment of Chairs of Indian Studies in Tashkent University and of Russian Studies in one of the Indian Universities.

(c) Yes, Sir, the question of Soviet assistance for the setting up of 8 Regional Colleges of Engineering in India had been discussed with the Soviet side;

(d) The matter is still under the consideration of the Soviet side.