rate currently applied by the United Kingdom Treasury on the date of issue of Promissory Notes by the Government of India, to a loan for a comparable period from the Consolidated Funds of United Kingdom plus one quarter of one per cent. per annum. The interest is payable half-yearly. The amount will be utilised for purchase of Plant and Equipment from the U.K.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether from Britain any consrtium will advise this new expansion and whether they have rectified the previous defects in the Durgapur plant?

Shri C. Subramaniam: The Durgapur Plant has already been erected. The difficulties are found with regard to the functioning of the steel melting plant. They are also being rectified now.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know who will be the advisers for this new expansion? Will they be the same people?

Shri C. Subramaniam: This will be a different concern.

Shri Basumatari: May I know whether the resent Durgapur plant has reached its original target?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Not yet, Sir.

## Shortage of Women Teachers

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# •220. { Shri Basumatari: { Shri Bishanchander Seth;

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of women teachers all over the country, particularly in rural areas;

(b) if so, what measures Government are taking to meet this shortage;

(c) whether it is also a fact that State Governments have suggested some inducement for women to join teaching profession; (d) whether it is also a fact that the above suggestion had been discussed at the two-day Conference of Chairmen and Secretaries of State Councils for Women Education held on the 7th June, 1962;

(e) if so, the decision taken thereon; and

(f) how far those decisions have been implemented?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran): (a) to (f). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the recommendations of the National Council for Women's Education, the Government of India have suggested to the State Governments the following schemes for acceptance and implementation for encouraging women to undergo training and increasing the number of womenteachers:

- (i) opening of new training institutions;
- (ii) attaching of training sections for women teachers to girls<sup>-</sup> secondary schools;
- (iii) reservation of seats for women in co-educational training institutions;
- (iv) giving financial assistance to girls from rural areas to go in for training;
- (v) pre-selection of trainees at the secondary stage;
- (vi) development of middle school and secondary education for girls;
- (vii) stipends to trainees in training institutions for teachers;
- (viii) construction of quarters for women teachers working in rural areas;
  - (ix) attendance allowance to teachers on the basis of the average attendance of girls;

- (x) village allowance for women teachers working in rural or backward areas; and
- (xi) Provision of condensed educational courses for adult women for securing more women teachers.
- (c) and (d). Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f). The recommendations of the Conference of the Chairmen and Secretaries of State Councils for Women's Education are under consideration.

Shri Basumatari: I have read the statement. May I know whether these women teachers are given any privileges in the tribal areas and if so whether any extr<sub>a</sub> allotment has been made to induce women to take to teaching in tribal areas?

Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran: Each State Government is giving certain inducements. In addition to that, the difficulty in getting women teachers specially in the tribal areas and other backward areas is housing for the women teachers.

विशनचन्द्र संठ : जो स्टेटमेंट टेबल पर रसा गया है उसमें यह नहीं बताया गया है कि मापको किस प्रांत में कितनी संख्या में विमन टीचर्स की म्रावश्यकता है ।

Mr. Speaker: What is the number that is required?

Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran: I have not got the number of women teachers. I have got only the percentage of women teacher; to the number of men teachers.

Shri Jaipal Singh: In the reply we were told that every State Government was giving inducement to attract women teachers to rural and tribal areas. May I know what inducements are offered in the States of Assam or Bihar?

Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran: About which State does he want to know?

Shri Jaipal Singh: Assam and Bihar.

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): There are a number of inducements which have been included in the scheme and for which special grants are given to the State Governments. They are: provision of quarcondensed ters for women teachers. courses for adult women, stipends to women teachers, village allowances for women teachers, continuation classes etc. The idea is to attract a larger number of women into the teaching profession. All kinds of facilities are given to the State Governments, and special allocations are made for this purpose. There is no special allocation for tribal women as such, but I am sure these would be equally good for the tribal women teachers also.

## Manufacture of Marine Diesel Engines

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Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri M. N. Swamy:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee has been appointed by Government for implementation of the project for the manufacture of Marine Diesel Engines;

(b) if so, what are their main suggestions and views; and

(c) how far their views have been accepted and rejected by Government?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) The proposal for the setting up of a Marine Diesel Engine Factory was discussed inter-departmentally by the Ministries concerned, and it was decided that the project be transferred to the Defence Ministry for implementation. The Project is now being progressed by the Defence Production Organisation for manufacture.

The technical experts of the Defence Ministry are actively engaged in the implementation. There is no need now for a formal technical committee.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.