

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) No Sir, but Central Fuel Research Institute has been carrying pilot plant experiments since 1959.

(b) Does not arise.

### Tibetan Language

**\*395. Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar and a conference of Tibetan Lamas for development and study of Tibetan language was held at Varanasi in the last week of July; and

(b) if so, the main recommendation of the conference?

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) Yes, Sir. The Seminar and the Conference were held to review the work of Tibetan Lamas and discuss the question of Contribution of Tibetan studies to the knowledge of Indian History and Thought.

(b) the main recommendation of the Seminar was to put the present scheme of Fellowships on a permanent basis.

### Concession to Students of Backward Classes

**\*396.** } **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:**  
} **Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have withdrawn the exemption from payment of tuition fees available till recently to school-going children belonging to backward classes in Delhi; and

(b) the number of school-going children adversely affected by withdrawal of such exemption?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivastava):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

### STATEMENT

(a) As a result of the decision of the Delhi Administration to give up the caste-criterion for determining who should belong to the other backward Classes and the adoption of an economic criterion for the purpose, exemption from payment of tuition fee will, from the current academic year, not be admissible to those students who were eligible for the concession purely on the basis of caste. However, those students who had been granted this concession on the basis of caste-criterion in force so far and were enjoying the concession last year have been allowed to continue the concession till they complete their course.

(b) The question does not arise since the concession has not been withdrawn from those who are already enjoying it.

### Gas Pipelines

**\*397.** } **Shri P. R. Patel:**  
} **Shri D. J. Naik:**  
} **Shri Chhotubhai Patel:**  
} **Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
} **Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:**  
} **Shri Kapur Singh:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to put pipelines to flow natural gases everyday which will be equivalent to 2330 tons of coal from Gujarat wells of Ankleshwar, Kalol and Cambay areas?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** It is proposed to lay 3 gas pipelines in Gujarat with a maximum daily capacity of 1 million cubic metres of gas which is roughly equivalent to 2330 tons of coal.

### Industrial and non-Industrial Employees

**\*398. Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state: