

**Explosion in Jammu**

\*744 { Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey.  
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether army experts were called to help the police in the investigation of an incident involving an explosion near Jammu's biggest mosque on the 10th March, 1964; and

(b) if so, in what circumstances and the result of the investigations?

**The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Nanda):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State authorities consulted the Army experts, as usual in such cases, to help in deciding the nature and quantity of the explosive used, etc. Their report in this case shows that the explosive used was either TNT or plastic and the quantity used was about 225 grammes.

**Maltreatment of an M.P. in Ambala Jail**

\*747. { Shri Nath Pal:  
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:  
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a further inquiry has been held into the charges of maltreatment by the Punjab Government of Shri Kachhavaiya, Member of Lok Sabha;

(b) if so, by whom; and

(c) the findings of the inquiry?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hathi):**

(a) to (c). The District Magistrate, Ambala, has been deputed by the Government of Punjab to conduct an inquiry in the matter. A report is awaited from the State Government. The State Government on being reminded to send the report of the in-

quiry have intimated that as the Assistant Medical Officer who is one of the witnesses, is away from Ambala, the inquiry has not yet been completed.

**Commonwealth Education Conference in Ottawa**

\*748. { Shri Kapur Singh:  
Shri P. H. Bheel:  
Shri Narasimha Reddy:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the third Commonwealth Education Conference is to be held in Ottawa in the last week of August, 1964;

(b) if so, whether technical education and scholarships are scheduled to be the main topics for discussion there; and

(c) the precise advantages India expects to derive from these deliberations?

**The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chogla):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Technical Education and Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan are some of the agenda items which will be discussed.

(c) Cooperation and mutual exchanges between Commonwealth countries in educational matters which is the aim of the Conference are beneficial and necessary as education is a chief constituent of progress in the intellectual and cultural development of a country.

**राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालायें**

\*७४९: { श्री सिदेश्वर प्रसाद :  
श्री प्र० रं० चक्रवर्ती:

क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कई राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालायें के निदेशकों के पद काफी समय से रिक्त हैं ;