

Expert Committee set up by the Government to work out the details of the Integrated Programme has recently submitted its recommendations. These are receiving the attention of the Government. Other recommendations made by the Committee are still under consideration.

Production of Fertilizers

*230. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) how far, according to the latest estimates, the Third Plan target of fertilizer production is likely to be achieved by the end of the plan period;

(b) how far the shortfall is attributed to the failure of private sector licences in setting up factories according to schedule; and

(c) what decision has been taken for the cancellation of the licences of such entrepreneurs as have failed to initiate action to set up factories or are too much behind the schedule?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) About 50 per cent of the target of fertilizer production is likely to be achieved by the end of the Third Plan.

(b) About 75 per cent of the shortfall is attributable to the failure of the private sector to implement the schemes.

(c) The parties who were approved for establishing nitrogenous fertilizer factories at Tuticorin, Mangalore and Durgapur (222,000 tonnes nitrogen total capacity) have expressed their inability to proceed with those schemes. The licence for Tuticorin has been surrendered while it is proposed to proceed with the Durgapur Project in the public sector. Certain applications from other parties for Mangalore are under consideration.

In other cases the licensees are earnest about the implementation of their schemes and have made progress even though they are behind schedule.

Central Bureau of Book Production

{ Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
*231. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Solanki:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri B. N. Kureel:
Shri D. J. Naik:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for the setting up of a Central Bureau of Books Production;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be set up; and

(c) what will be its main aims and objectives?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhakt Darshan): (a) to (c). A scheme to set up a Central Bureau of Books Production is proposed to be included in the Fourth plan for production of literature in Hindi and other Indian languages. Details of the scheme i.e. its scope, financial implications, etc. have not yet been worked out.

Financial Position of D.M.C.

{ Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
*232. { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Bade:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri Bishanchander Seth:
 Shri Dhaon:
 Shri B. P. Yadava:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri A. S. Saigal:
 Shri Himatsingka:
 Shri Bagri:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri Mohan Swarup:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Corporation is in the midst of a financial crisis and it has approached the Central Government for substantial monetary help to tide over the present difficulty, and to save itself from bankruptcy; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the Corporation's request for help?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) The Delhi Municipal Corporation informed the Government of India in June 1964 that the ways and means position of the General Fund of the Corporation was unsatisfactory and that Government should make advance payment of the grant-in-aid, loans and assigned taxes due to the Corporation.

(b) Government have so far sanctioned payment of (i) assigned taxes amounting to Rs. 2,65,56,990.00 (ii) Grants-in-aid amounting to Rs. 1,71,13,968.00 and (iii) Loans amounting to Rs. 25,00,000. A statement showing the details of the actual amount drawn by the Delhi Municipal Corporation upto 10th September 1964 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3140/64].

Drive Against Adult Illiteracy

*233. { Shri Vishram Prasad:
 Shri Surendra Pal Singh:

Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
 Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:
 Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
 Shri R. Barua:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government are considering a new proposal to launch an ambitious nation-wide campaign to eradicate adult illiteracy during the Fourth Plan period;

(b) if so, the salient features of this new scheme; and

(c) in what ways it will be an improvement on previous efforts in this regard?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (c). Along with other development schemes for the Fourth Plan, schemes for intensifying the effort for reducing adult illiteracy during that plan period are also being formulated and considered. The schemes have not yet been finalised into definite proposals and, therefore, it would be premature to indicate their size or features, etc.

Teachers' Participation in Educational Policy

*234. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
 Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri Vishram Prasad:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1144 on the 22nd April, 1964 and state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government in regard to the participation of teachers in the formulation of Government's educational policy; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). The prin-