

(ख) क्या स्वर्गीय प्रधान मंत्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री की स्मृति में भी उपरोक्त भाग (क) में उल्लिखित कार्य करने का बचाव है और यदि हां तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) ये कार्य कब किये जाने की संभावना है ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (श्री सु० क० चागला) :

(क) नेहरू स्मारक संग्राह्य तथा 'पुस्तकालय' स्थापित किया गया है और जवाहर लाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय के संस्थापन के सम्बन्ध में एक विधेयक पेश किया गया है जो संसद् के सामने है और स्वर्गीय प्रधान मंत्री की प्रतिमा बड़े सिक्के भी जारी किये गए हैं। मूर्ति की स्थापना के बारे में अभी कोई अन्तिम निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।

(ख) और (ग). सरकार इस बात पर गम्भीरता से विचार कर रही है कि किस प्रकार स्वर्गीय प्रधान मंत्री श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री की स्मृति उनका राष्ट्र के लिए संदेश तथा विशेष कर उनके प्रिय उद्देश्यों को चिरस्मयी तथा सबल बनाया जा सकता है। इन प्रारम्भिक विचारों को अधिक ठोस रूप मिलते ही सरकार का इरादा है कि इस मामले में संसद् के विभिन्न वर्गों के प्रतिनिधियों से प्रतीपचारिक रूप से परामर्श करे।

Education as an Elective Subject

*728. Shri D. O. Sharma:
Shri Himatsingka:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee set up by the University Grants Commission has recommended the study of Education as an elective subject at the undergraduate level to induce a better class of students to take to teaching;

(b) whether the recommendation has been considered; and

(c) if so, with what results?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir. The Committee has, however, pointed out that graduates with 'Education' as an elective subject will not be adequately prepared for employment as teachers in high/higher secondary schools.

(b) and (c). The recommendation has been generally accepted, in principle, by the University Grants Commission who have also referred the Report of the Committee to the Education Commission for consideration. The Report is also being circulated to Universities and training colleges for such action as may be considered necessary by them.

Kerosene Oil Containers

*729. Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Dr. Ramen Sen:
Shri Dinesh Bhattacharya:
Shri Prabhat Kar:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the foreign oil companies in this country have stopped manufacture of 4-gallon tin containers for kerosene and are disposing of their plants for making containers;

(b) whether as a result thereof, distribution of kerosene oil to small dealers and scattered rural areas is becoming virtually impossible, and the crisis of kerosene supplies aggravated; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in the matter?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) Esso and Caltex (India) Limited have closed down all tin-making factories. In the case of Burma-Shell, one of the 5 units is still in production. A.O.C. and I.B.M. have not closed their factories. It is understood that the oil companies are offering for sale units which have remained idle for a long time.