

### Correspondence Course of Delhi University

412. **Shri A. S. Saigal:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Delhi University would start the correspondence course from the next academic year;

(b) which other Universities have also conveyed their willingness to start such schemes from the next year; and

(c) what action Government are taking to popularise this scheme?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Apart from the Delhi University, the Universities of Aligarh, Bhaagalpur, Bihar, Gauhati, Gujarat, Ranchi, Vikram, Saugar, S.N.D.T. (Women's) and Jabalpur have expressed their willingness to start Correspondence Courses. At a meeting he'd on 29th January, 1962, the Expert Committee on Correspondence Courses and Evening Colleges recommended that the Correspondence Courses should be started at Delhi University and the results watched. Other Universities that wish to start Correspondence Courses should in the meanwhile work out the details of their scheme, observing for a period of about six months the Delhi experiment in such courses.

(c) A pamphlet to popularise the scheme is under preparation.

### Singareni Collieries

414. { **Shri Yellamanda Reddy:**  
**Shri M. R. Krishna:**  
**Shri Mohammad Elias:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh requested the Central Government to permit the State Government to retain control over Singareni Collieries; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). The Government of Andhra Pradesh, sometime ago expressed their inability to supply the requisite funds either in the form of equity capital or loans for the future expansion programme of the Singareni Collieries Company. Realising the importance of these coal mines, the Government of India agreed to provide the entire funds needed for the development programme of the Company under the Third Five Year Plan, and the Government of Andhra Pradesh agreed that the Central Government should have majority in the equity participation and majority representation on the Board of Directors of the Company. The precise details of the revised organisational set up of the Company were being worked out in consultation with the Government of Andhra Pradesh. In the meantime, however, the Government of Andhra Pradesh have recently written to the Government of India saying that they are reconsidering the whole position. The matter is now under examination.

### Calcutta Engineering College, Ballygunge, Calcutta

415. **Shri Rama Krishna Reddy:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state;

(a) whether in view of the huge demand for technical personnel and Engineers, the Calcutta Engineering College, Ballygunge, Calcutta will be recognised by Government; and

(b) why recognition was not given by Government till now in spite of years of meritorious coaching in Engineering given by such a college of non-official effort and service?