

even under endowment assurance policies is only about 1 per cent in India as compared to 4 per cent in England and other countries;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Life Insurance Corporation to improve the position?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat):

(a) From the data available to it the Life Insurance Corporation does not think that such a factual conclusion is warranted.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Reorientation Course to Students going abroad

*446. **Shri P. R. Chakravarti:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the conditions that the recipients of scholarships for studies abroad have to fulfil;

(b) whether there is any provision for giving them short-term reorientation course before they leave the country; and

(c) in case of failure to abide by the prescribed conditions, what penalties are imposed on these scholars?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 77].

रानीपुर (उत्तर प्रदेश) में भारी विद्युत् उपकरण कारखाना

*४४७. श्री सरजू पाण्डेय : क्या इस्पात और भारी उद्योग मंत्री २० नवम्बर, १९६१ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या २ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सोवियत विशेषज्ञों की सहायता से जो भारी विद्युत् उपकरण कारखाना रानीपुर (उत्तर प्रदेश) में स्थापित किया जाने वाला

था उसमें इस बीच क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

इस्पात और भारी उद्योग मंत्री (श्री चि० सुब्रमण्यम) : प्रायोजना के लिये अपेक्षित भूमि में से अधिकतम भूमि राज्य सरकार द्वारा सौंपी जा चुकी है। स्थल पर अस्थायी कार्यालयों तथा संग्रह-स्थान के निर्माण कार्य प्रगति में है और इनके शीघ्र ही पूरे हो जाने की आशा की जाती है। संयंत्र-स्थलों को समतल करने और संवारने, प्रशिक्षण स्कूल का निर्माण करने, सड़कें बनाने, संयान-पथिका तथा जलनिकास के काम हाथ में ले लिये गये हैं।

Correspondence Courses

*448. **Shri Maheshwar Naik:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to introduce correspondence courses in the colleges and universities has now been implemented;

(b) if so, the number of colleges and universities which have adopted this method of teaching;

(c) whether Government are aware of the existence of bogus institutions offering correspondence courses of teaching and conferring bogus degrees and diplomas; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken against such bogus institutions springing up in the country?

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

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). Details of the Scheme for starting Correspondence Courses in selected Universities are being worked out by an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. D. S. Kothari. In accordance with recommendation of this Committee, Delhi University proposes to start Corres-

pondence Courses from July, 1962. Apart from Delhi University, the Universities of Aligarh, Bhagalpur, 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 held on 29th January, 1962, the Expert Committee on Correspondence Courses and Evening Colleges recommended that Correspondence Courses should be started at Delhi University and the results watched. Other Universities that wish to start the 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) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government has cautioned the public in press releases against such institutions.

Sub-Level Caving in Coal Mines

*449. **Shri Mohammad Elias:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Coal Development Corporation has requested the French Government to help it in applying French methods of sub-level caving in coal mines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes.

(b) The details of the plan operations are that two high officials, one from the National Coal Development Corporation and one from the Inspectorate of Mines will visit France for about 3 to 4 weeks to study the safety problems of the "Sub-level caving" method followed by the deputation of four mining engineers of the National Coal Development Corporation to undertake detailed study of and training in the method of "Sub-level caving". This will be followed by a visit of a team of French Mining experts who will bring with them necessary equipment for demonstrating,

for a period of 6 to 8 months, in the National Coal Development Corporation's mines the "Sub-level caving" method.

अखिल भारतीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

४४५०. श्री बिशनवास सेठ : क्या शिक्षा मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत सरकार ऐसा निश्चय करने जा रही है कि एक अखिल भारतीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड नियुक्त किया जाये जो सब राज्यों में सेकेण्डरी शिक्षा सम्बन्धी निरीक्षण का कार्य सम्भाले;

(ख) इस बोर्ड से क्या लाभ होने की सम्भावना है ;

(ग) क्या इस सम्बन्ध में सभी राज्य सरकारों से परामर्श किया गया है और उनकी स्वीकृति प्राप्त हो गई है ;

(घ) इस बोर्ड के कृत्य क्या होंगे; और

(ङ) क्या इस बोर्ड के अन्तर्गत राज्य बोर्ड भी स्थापित किये जायेंगे ?

शिक्षा मन्त्री (डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली)

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Merit Scholarships in Residential Schools

638. **Shri Sezhiyan:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the number of applications, the number of persons selected and the amount of scholarships given, under the Merit Scholarships' Scheme in residential Schools, for the past three years, year, year-wise and State-wise?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): The information is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 78].