

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Hem Barua: With a view to meet the rising demand for admission in schools, Government have made provision for double shifts, and have also asked some school administrations to increase the number of students by 5 per cent.

Mr. Speaker: All this was said by the Minister. He knew it already. The question should come straight-away.

Shri Hem Barua: It will come. If so, is this a correct solution of the problem? Is it not going to add to the deterioration of the standards?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: Double shift is not an ideal arrangement, I admit. But, here is a problem, where we have no accommodation for putting up school buildings in the congested areas. This is with reference to the congested areas. The Government have done their best to find accommodation. Accommodation is not available. Under these circumstances, there is no alternative before the Government except to run double shifts. Every effort is being made to see that studies do not suffer even in the double shift system.

Shri P. Kunhan: Are the Government aware of the fact that the Suka Khalsa High School is going to be downgraded and if so, what is the reason?

Mr. Speaker: That is not relevant. Next question.

Pay Roll Saving Scheme

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*837. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
 { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
 { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pay Roll Savings Scheme has been introduced in all Government offices;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) whether this scheme is optional or compulsory; and

(d) if optional, how this is responded to by Government employees?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha): (a) Not yet, Sir. A modified scheme has, however, been drawn up for use of Government offices and is expected to be introduced shortly.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The scheme is optional. The deductions will be made from the salaries of Government employees with their consent for investment in Small Savings Securities.

(d) Does not arise, at this stage.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether the modified scheme that will be introduced in future will be limited within Class I officers or open to all the government employees?

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: The scheme has been agreed to. The details of the scheme have not been worked out. I am not in a position to give the details of the scheme.

Shri Subodh Hansda: When will the details be worked out? How long will it take?

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Very soon.

Regional Engineering College at Kozhikode

*838. { **Shri Warrior:**
 { **Shri Vasudevan Nair:**

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to establish the Regional Engineering College at Kozhikode (Calicut) Kerala State; and

(b) whether any amount has been allotted for the purpose?