

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. B. Bhagat): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). In addition to the assistance under various programmes (both loans & grants) indicated to the State Government, they have asked for further financial assistance. It would not be in public interest to disclose the amounts asked for. They have recently been sanctioned a ways and means advance of Rs. 7 crores, to be adjusted against the balance of the State share of Union taxes and other grants, to which they have become eligible under the Finance Commission's recommendations.

Compulsory Education in Delhi

*1217. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme has been worked out for providing free and compulsory education for all children upto age of six in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) No, Sir. The age range for compulsory education is 6 to 14 and not up to 6.

(b) Does not arise.

Steel Plants

*1218. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Sanganna:
Shri A. S. Saigal:
Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:
Shri Jhulan Sinha:
Shri Balarama Krishniah:
Shri Supakar:

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

(a) the up-to-date progress made with regard to the construction of the three Steel Plants;

(b) the up-to-date progress made with regard to the training of engineers and technicians in foreign countries to man the three Steel Plants under the various training programmes; and

(c) the amount charged to each Steel Plant under the training programme?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 58].

Syllabi for Higher Secondary and Multipurpose Schools

*1219. { **Shri Subodh Hasda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that syllabi for the Higher Secondary and multipurpose schools published by the All India Council for Secondary Education in English and in the regional languages are not available in the market;

(b) whether the Government of India has received any complaint from the State Governments or from the public in this regard; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) No, Sir. The syllabi were not put in the market but they are available at the office of the All India Council for Secondary Education at a price of Rs. 1.75 only.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.