

(b) if so, the approximate amount involved; and

(c) the total number of persons who will derive benefit therefrom??

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** (a) With effect from the 1st November 1961, revised rates of dearness allowance have been authorised for civilian Central Government servants drawing a salary of less than Rs. 400 per month. Officers of the Defence services are entitled to dearness allowance at the same rates and under the same conditions as are applicable to civilian Government servants. Personnel of the Defence Services below officer rank are eligible for dearness allowance at lesser rates in view of the fact that they are entitled to free rations and certain other concessions which reduce the impact on them of increases in the cost of living.

(b) and (c). The financial effect is related and therefore dependent on the actual rates of dearness allowance which will be ultimately authorised for personnel of the Defence Services below officer rank. It is not possible to disclose the total number of personnel of the Defence Services who will be benefited by the impending decision.

श्री काशी विद्यापीठ बनारस

\*८७२. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बतान को कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार ने श्री काशी विद्यापीठ, बनारस को राष्ट्रीय महत्व का विश्वविद्यालय घोषित करने का निर्णय कर लिया है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो यह निर्णय कब से क्रियान्वित होगा ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली) :

(क) और (ख) : विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग अधिनियम, १९५६ की धारा ३ के

अन्तर्गत काशी विद्यापीठ को "विश्वविद्यालय" घोषित करने से संबंधित प्रश्न विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग को उनकी सलाह के लिए भेजा गया है और यह अभी उनके विचाराधीन है ।

#### Tata-Mercedes Benz Buses

\*874. **Dr. L. H. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in most cases the regional dealers of Tata-Mercedes Benz buses have been selling the vehicles at exorbitant black-market prices; and

(b) if so, whether Government have detected and investigated any specific cases so far?

#### The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) and (b). Government have not received any complaints that the regional dealers of Tata-Mercedes-Benz buses are selling the vehicles in the black-market or at prices higher than those approved by Government.

#### Special Pay for Cash-Handling in Delhi Government Schools

\*875. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shri Nambiar:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions regarding special pay for handling cash issued by the Ministry of Finance have not been implemented in the case of Upper Division Clerks working in Government Higher Secondary Schools under Directorate of Education, Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to get the orders implemented?