

would advise the hon. Member to go through it.

Superannuation age of Technical Institute Staff

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*361. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Dr. P. N. Khan:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the present superannuation age from 60 to 63 for academic staff of different Central Technical Institutes;

(b) whether representation was received in this regard from the different quarters; and

(c) if so the decision of Government in the matter?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A proposal was received from the Institute at Kharagpur for consideration of the Council of the Indian Institutes of Technology.

(c) The Council decided that the age of superannuation should remain 60 as at present but an institute may grant extension in individual cases in accordance with the provisions contained in the Institute's Statutes.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know what grounds were put forward in this representation?

Shri M. C. Chagla: Well, that was the decision of the governing body. They suggested that the superannuation age be raised to 63, and what we decided was that it should continue to remain at 60, but individual cases may be examined for purposes of granting extension.

Shri S. C. Samanta: I wanted to know the grounds that they put for-

ward. I want to know whether emergency was one of them?

Shri M. C. Chagla: I am not aware of the grounds that they put forward. I know the decision of the governing body. If the hon. Member wants to know the grounds I will look into it and let him know.

Indo-U.A.R. Technical Cooperation

*362. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Governments of India and U.A.R. have set up a joint Indo-U.A.R. Board for technical co-operation?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): No, Sir, Hon. Member's attention is drawn to the reply given to Starred Question No. 495 on 4th September, 1963.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या यू०ए०आर० सरकार से इस सम्बन्ध में कोई बातचीत हुई थी या हो रही है ?

श्री म० क० छागला : बातचीत तो हुई थी और उसका यह निष्कर्ष आया है कि हमारे मुल्क और यू०ए०आर० के बीच माइस्ट्रिज का म्यूटुअल एक्सचेंज हो, लेकिन कोई बॉर्ड मैट-अप नहीं हुआ ।

Shri Indrajit Gupta: I would like to know whether the proposed exchange and training of scientists between these two countries has actually begun or not? I would also like to know—because there is no time I cannot read out the long list of subjects that I have here—whether it has been decided as to which country is responsible for giving training in which of the subjects listed here?

Shri M. C. Chagla: The matter is being actually pursued. As far as I know no actual exchange has so far taken place. The UAR Government are very keen, so are we, that this exchange should take place as soon as possible.