

(b) whether States have also made cuts in their Plan outlays on education on account of emergency; and

(c) whether the Union and the State Governments have decided on any joint programme in this regard?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No such decision has been either taken or is proposed to be taken.

(b) States have made some adjustments. A statement showing the original and estimated expenditure on general education in States is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2013/63]. The shortfall in estimated expenditure may be due to cuts as a result of the emergency as well as to other factors.

(c) No, Sir, there is no such joint programme to impose cuts.

Shri B. K. Das: From the statement I find that there will be some variation in the expenditure during the Third Plan period. May I know whether this increase or decrease depends upon the quantum of grant or help that is expected from the Central Government?

Shri M. C. Chagla: I find from the statement that many States have reduced their expenditure on education. We have pointed out to them that there can be no greater contribution to national progress than the expenditure on education and many States are readjusting their budgetary provisions.

Shri B. K. Das: In cases of decrease in expenditure, has it been ascertained in which branch of education, technical or otherwise, this decrease has been made?

Shri M. C. Chagla: I find that unfortunately, it is mainly on primary education, and we have told the States that we shall give them as much extended help as we can as far as primary education is concerned.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

विश्वविद्यालयों के लिये आदर्श विद्यान

*३६६. { श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :
श्री वी० चं० शर्मा :

क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विश्वविद्यालयों के लिये आदर्श विद्यान बनाने का काम पूरा हो गया है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (श्री मु० क० छागला) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) इस प्रयोजन के लिये नियुक्त समिति ने अभी अपना विचारविमर्श पूरा नहीं किया है ।

Engineering Colleges

*370. **Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of engineering colleges which are yet to be started during the remaining period of the Third Plan, with break-up for each State; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up one engineering college at Cachar?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) According to the provision made in the Third Five Year Plan ten engineering colleges have yet to be started as below:

Andhra Pradesh	1
Assam	1
Madras	2
Madhya Pradesh	2
Maharashtra	1
Punjab	1
Rajasthan	1
Goa	1

In addition, an engineering college in Tripura has also been proposed by the Administration.

(b) The Regional College for Assam is tentatively proposed to be located at Silchar (Cachar District).

Conference of State Education Ministers

- *371. {
 Shri D. C. Sharma;
 Shri Dinen Bhattacharya;
 Shri D. D. Mantri;
 Shri Balkrishna Wasnik;
 Shri Ram Ratan Gupta;
 Dr. L. M. Singhvi;
 Shri Hem Raj;
 Shri Muthiah;
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad;
 Shri Vasudevan Nair;
 Shri Warrior;

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of State Education Ministers and Vice-Chancellors was held in November, 1963 in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the decision arrived at the Conference; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-2014/63*].

(c) The matter is under consideration of the Central and State Governments.

Adult Women's Education

*372. **Shrimati Vimla Devi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote adult women's education during the Third Plan period; and

(b) the expenditure so far incurred by the Centre in this regard?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). In the Central sector, the main programme undertaken to promote the education of adult women in the Third Five Year Plan is the scheme of condensed courses for adult women. There is a provision in the Plan for 500 courses at an estimated cost of Rs. 150 lakhs. So far, 422 courses estimated to cost Rs. 118.71 lakhs have been approved and grants-in-aid to the tune of Rs. 68.66 lakhs have been released. The scheme is operated upon by the Central Social Welfare Board.

In the State sector, some programmes for the education of adult women have been included in the States of Bihar, Rajasthan and West Bengal. The total outlay on these programmes is Rs. 27.95 lakhs during the Plan period.

Noonmati Refinery

- *373. {
 Shri Mohammad Elias;
 Shri Indrajit Gupta;
 Shri Dinen Bhattacharya;
 Shri Prabhat Kar;
 Dr. U. Misra;
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa;
 Shri U. M. Trivedi;

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 185 on the 20th November, 1963 and state:

(a) the prior steps taken to ensure adequate supply of water throughout the year under all conditions before locating the Refinery at Gauhati;

(b) the reasons why standby water supply arrangement was not made for the Refinery to avoid a situation of present nature; and

(c) the total financial loss to the public exchequer due to closure of the Refinery on account of failure in water supply arrangement?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Hamayun Kabir):