

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

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 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

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 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):