

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):

(a) The water supply scheme of Gauhati Refinery was based on study of the behaviour of the Brahmaputra River over the last 25 years.

(b) The alternative arrangements to supply water to the Refinery by installing tube wells was also studied as a stand-by provision but was considered un-economical.

(c) Between Rupees 3 to 3.5 lakhs.

Use of Hindi for Official Purposes

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- Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 - Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
 - *371. Shri Gokaran Prasad:
 - Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 - Shri Sarjoo Pandey:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level Committee of State Chief Ministers with the Union Home Minister as Chairman is being set up to look after the programme of development and propagation of Hindi and its progressive use for Union official purposes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hajarnavis):

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Committee will consist of the Union Home Minister (Chairman) and Union Ministers for Education and Law, and the Chief Ministers of States or their representatives at Ministers' level, as Members. The Committee will review the working of the present programme for development and propagation of Hindi and its progressive use in the Union administration in addition to English, and advise as to the further steps to be taken in regard to these matters.

Youth Vocational Centres

*375. Shri Nambiar: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any

scheme under consideration to establish youth vocational centres in rural and semi-urban areas;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme; and

(c) the estimated cost of the scheme and when it is expected to be implemented?

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

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2015/63].

(c) Rs. 67.95 lakhs during 3rd Plan period. It is already under implementation since August 1963.

Institute for Border Area Children

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- Shri Yashpal Singh:
 - Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
 - *376. { Shri N. R. Laskar:
 - Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
 - Shri Hem Raj:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 357 on the 28th August, 1963 and state:

(a) the final decision taken on the question of opening an institute in Delhi for the education of border area children; and

(b) the action taken so far in the direction of setting up the institute?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). The Institute for the education of border area children came into being on 2nd September, 1963.

University for Hill Areas

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- Shri P. C. Borooah:
 - *377. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 - Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
 - Shri D. D. Puri:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state: