

(b) The demands are:—

- (i) There should be uniformity of standard and pattern of secondary education in the country.
- (ii) There should be uniformity of pay scales and service conditions of teachers of secondary schools in different States.
- (iii) A reasonable security of service should be guaranteed to teachers on a uniform basis.
- (iv) A pension scheme for teachers of non-Government schools should be introduced.
- (v) A Secondary Education Grants Commission should be set up.
- (vi) Teachers' Constituencies in State Legislative Councils should be retained.
- (vii) Adequate representation of teachers' organisations should be given on all national and State consultative and advisory bodies particularly those dealing with educational development.

All the demands have been noted.

Training Centre for Adult Blind

1533. { Shri A. V. Raghavan:
Shri Pottekkatt:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a training centre for the adult blind in the South;

(b) if so, the place selected for the purpose; and

(c) when the centre will be established?

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

(b) The place has not yet been selected.

(c) The Centre is expected to start functioning in 1964-65.

Grants to Residential Schools

1534. { Shri A. V. Raghavan:
Shri Pottekkatt:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give grants to selected residential schools in order to enable them to improve their academic and residential facilities;

(b) when the scheme will be implemented; and

(c) the schools selected for this purpose and the amount sanctioned for this scheme?

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

(b) 1964-65.

(c) The following institutions have been selected and the estimated grant to be given to them during 1964-65 is Rs. 4:00 lakhs:—

(i) Bhonsala Military School, Nasik (Maharashtra).

(ii) Shri Ramakrishna Vidya-shala, Mysore (Mysore State).

(iii) Vidya Bhavan, Udaipur (Rajasthan).

(iv) Colvin Taluqdars College, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh).

(v) Ramakrishna Mission Vidya-pith, Purulia (West Bengal).

(vi) Ramakrishna Mission Boys' Home, Rahara (West Bengal).

Indian Statistical Service

1535. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the further progress made in the constitution of Indian Statistical Service; and

(b) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). The Indian Statistical Service has already been constituted and appointments to the Service at its initial constitution have also been notified in the Gazette of India on the 18th February, 1964. A few more appointments will be notified as soon as certain formalities are completed.

Polytechnics for Boys and Girls

1536. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of polytechnics for boys and girls, with location of each, functioning at the end of December, 1963 in Punjab;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase this number during 1964-65; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) At the end of December, 1963, 17 polytechnics were functioning in the Punjab as below:—

1. Punjab Polytechnic, Nilokheri.
2. Government Polytechnic, Ambala.
3. Central Polytechnic, Chandigarh.
4. Government Polytechnic, Jhajjar.
5. Government Polytechnic, Sirsa.
6. Jagat Ram Government Polytechnic, Hoshiarpur.
7. Thapar Polytechnic, Patiala.
8. Guru Nanak Engineering College, Ludhiana.
9. Mehr Chand Polytechnic, Julundur.
10. Ramgarhia Polytechnic, Phagwara.

11. S. D. Polytechnic, Baijnath.
12. Vishwakarma Institute of Engineering Technology, Ludhiana.
13. Chhotu Ram Polytechnic, Rohtak.
14. Vaish Technical Institute, Rohtak.
15. Government Polytechnic, Guru Tegh Bahadur Garh. (Admissions made in Central polytechnic, Chandigarh).
16. Government Polytechnic, Hamirpur. (Admissions made in Jagat Ram Government Polytechnic, Hoshiarpur).
17. Government Polytechnic, for Women, Chandigarh.

(b) and (c). The Third Five Year Plan of the State Government provides for the establishment of five more polytechnics by the end of the plan period. Four of these polytechnics will be located at Batala, Rewari, Amritsar and Faridabad. The location of the fifth polytechnic has yet to be decided.

Fire Accident in Delhi

1537. Shri P. C. Borooh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 150 families were rendered homeless, one person was killed and some others injured in a fire accident in Malkaganj near Sabzimandi, Delhi on the 10th March, 1964;

(b) if so, the cause of the accident; and

(c) the Central assistance being given to rehabilitate the said families?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes; in all 126 *jhuggis* were burnt rendering about 500 people homeless. One person was killed and two other persons received minor burns.