

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhakt Darshan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Universities of Agra, Allahabad, Gorakhpur, Lucknow and Bombay are continuing the two year degree course.

(c) This is a matter for the concerned universities to decide, as they are autonomous institutions.

Surrender of Assets of Late Shri Kairon

3079. Shri M. Rampure: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sons of Mr. Kairon, former Chief Minister of Punjab have offered to surrender to Central Government the assets earned during the tenure of their father;

(b) if so, the amount of the property which has thus been offered; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

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

(a) The sons of late Shri Kairon, have written to the Prime Minister, offering to surrender the assets earned by them during the tenure of their father as Chief Minister of the State and the party to which their father belonged.

(b) and (c). The letter has been sent to the Government of Punjab, who are examining the legal implications of the offer.

Education Ministers' Conference

3080. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Kanakasabai:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of State Education Ministers is to be conven-

ed in June, 1965 to consider the educational development programmes; and

(b) if so, the specific subjects fixed for discussion at that Conference?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran): (a) Yes.

(b) The Conference will be mainly devoted to consideration of the educational Development programmes for the Fourth Five Year Plan in the light of experience gained so far and the schemes formulated. The occasion will also be utilised for discussion on other educational problems of interest to the participants.

Teaching of History

3081. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Museum has evolved a novel method of teaching history by producing replicas of ancient figures which vividly tell the story of different stages of civilisation of India;

(b) if so, the extent to which such replicas are being utilised by educational institutions here;

(c) whether there has been any demand for such replicas from foreign countries;

(d) if so, the nature and extent of such demands so far received; and

(e) the extent to which efforts are being made to cope with the demands for such replicas?

The Minister of Cultural Affairs in the Ministry of Education (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two sets of plaster replicas on Harappan Art and Indian Sculpture through the Ages have been produced by the National Museum and supplied so far to 163 educational institutions in the country.