

(c) if so, whether Government propose to keep out Himachal Pradesh from the operation of that Circular?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) According to Circular No. F-18/19/65-DH(S) dated the 19th October, 1966, 50% of the posts of Assistant Engineers and 75% of the posts of Executive Engineers and above are to be filled by deputation from the Central Public Works Department, Central Water & Power Commission and States.

(b) The Himachal Pradesh Engineers' Association have represented that vacancies should be filled up by promotion of engineers belonging to the Himachal Pradesh administration.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Fourth Plan Allocation for Dandakaranya Project

551. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions made for Dandakaranya Project in the year 1967-68;

(b) whether the original provision of rupees 30 crores in the Fourth Plan period has been revised now; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) Rs. 4.50 crores.

(b) & (c). Yes. Sir. The original provision of Rs. 30 crores is proposed to be revised to Rs. 27 crores.

Post Offices to be Opened in Orissa.

552. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the number of new post offices proposed to be opened in Orissa State during 1967-68 and their location?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs

and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral): Owing to the financial stringency certain restrictions have been imposed on the opening of new Extra Departmental Branch Post offices. In case these are removed 100 Extra Departmental Branch Offices are proposed to be opened in 1967-68. 12 departmental Sub Offices are also likely to be established. The proposed location of 77 offices is furnished in the statement laid on the Table of House. [Placed in the Library. See No. LT-245/67]. The remaining proposals are yet to be finalised.

Assistance to Primary Schools

553. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2198 on the 23rd November, 1966 and state:

(a) whether the matter regarding the pattern of Central assistance to be given to the States for Primary Schools during the Fourth Five Year Plan has since been considered; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad): (a) and (b). The pattern of assistance to be given to State Governments under Elementary Education has since been decided as follows:—

	<i>Pattern of Assistance</i>
I. Centrally Sponsored Schemes	
Teacher Training (Elementary):	
Correspondence Courses	100%
II. Centrally Sponsored Schemes agreed to be transferred to State Sector	
Teachers' Training:	
Elementary Education—Improvement programmes	50%
III. Centrally Aided Schemes	
General Education:	
Special Schemes for Girls Education	75%
Improvement of Science in middle Schools	75%
Teacher's Training (Elementary and Secondary)	75%
Other Schemes	40%