

(b) if so, when they will start investigation; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) On preliminary investigation, it is found that the river Kaladan which flows through the Mizo District of southern Assam to the sea is not navigable.

#### FACILITIES IN POLYTECHNICS AT DELHI

659. SHRI ONKARLAL BERWA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no proper arrangement of laboratories and workshops in the three Polytechnics in Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide these facilities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is per cent shortage of staff in these polytechnics; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to remove the shortage of staff ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN) : (a) Of the three polytechnics, only the Kashmere Gate Polytechnic does not have its own workshops and laboratories. This polytechnic is utilising workshops and laboratories of the Delhi College of Engineering and attached technical higher secondary schools.

Adequate facilities exist both for laboratories and workshops at the Pusa Polytechnic. The Okhla Polytechnic also has adequate facilities for laboratories but accommodation for the workshops has yet to be provided.

(b) As soon as a decision regarding the location of the Kashmere Gate Polytechnic is taken, the necessary workshop and laboratories will be constructed.

For the Okhla Polytechnic, construction of the workshop buildings will be taken up in the current year.

(c) and (d). The shortage of staff is only about five per cent. For the vacant posts, selections have been made and appointment of the necessary staff is in progress.

#### NON-MATRICULATE CLASS IV EMPLOYEES

660. SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any scheme to promote non-matriculate Class IV employees having about 15 years of service to certain class III posts like that of diary/dispatch clerks;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) for how long the scheme has been under consideration; and

(d) the reasons for delay in taking a decision in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). Attention is invited to reply given to parts (b) and (c) of Unstarred Question No. 6012 on 19-7-67 in the Lok Sabha. The matter is still under consideration.

(c) and (d). The question has been under consideration since the middle of this year. The various implications of the proposal on the standard of recruitment have to be examined and views of all user Ministries have to be ascertained before taking the final decision. It is expected that it will take some more time before a final decision is reached.

#### ENROLMENT IN BASIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

661. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the proportion of enrolment in Basic Primary Schools as compared to ordinary schools;

(b) whether any survey has been made as regards the quality of Basic Education in comparison with ordinary education;

(c) if so, the result of such survey;

(d) whether it is also a fact that richer parents avoid sending their children to the Basic Schools thus rendering basic education a facility only for poor; and

(e) the proportion of the schools where agriculture is the craft centre ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) According to the information available, the proportion

of children in junior basic schools to those in other primary schools is 7:18.

- (b) No all-India Survey has been made.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) The Ministry does not collect such detailed information.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG ENGINEERS

662. SHRI LOBO PRABHU:

SHRI MAHARAJ SINGH  
BHARATI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated consideration of the rising unemployment of engineers and other technicians in the country;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to assist them in obtaining employment abroad if our industries are not capable of employing the Engineers educated in our colleges;

(c) whether Government also propose to re-examine its planning for increasing employment opportunities to the Engineers in construction projects, including rural houses which call for engineering goods and talents; and

(d) whether Government propose to suspend the expansion of engineering education till the position improves?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY): (a) to (d). The position regarding unemployment of engineers and other technicians in the country as of other categories, is kept constantly under review by the Government. As it takes a long time to educate and train an engineer, admissions to the engineering institutions have to be related to the estimates of future requirements of such personnel. In this context, it is possible that some surpluses of engineers and technicians may develop during a period in which the economy grows less rapidly than was anticipated. The suspension of expansion of engineering education cannot be undertaken except in those fields where firm trends become discernible. For the categories where no such firm trend is noticed, the remedy would lie in general measures directed towards the recovery of the economy and it is hoped

that as the pace of development of the economy picks up the situation will improve.

(b) Demands are received from developing countries for senior and experienced specialists and not for fresh graduates. Whenever such demands are received all efforts are made to meet them.

#### DROP-OUT IN SCHOOL

663. SHRI LOBO PRABHU: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Second All-India Education Survey, enrolment percentage in primary schools in rural areas has shown a sharp decline during the last few years;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce any legislation compelling students, once enrolled, to continue their education till they attain literacy, so that the wastage of about 75 per cent of the present expenditure on primary education is avoided; and

(c) Whether a proposal is under consideration for payment of Bonus to schools and teachers which reduce drop-outs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) The second All India Educational Survey (1967) has not arrived at any such conclusion.

(b) There is no such proposal. However, every possible effort is being made by the Government to eliminate Wastage and Stagnation in Primary Education.

(c) No, Sir.

#### INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

664. SHRI P. N. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Palam airport and other international airports in the country are being renovated to bring them to the level of international standard;

(b) if so, whether some alterations and additions have recently been carried out at Palam and also at other airports in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total amount earmarked for the purpose and when the work is likely to be completed?