

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?