EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES ABROAD

5087. SHRI R. K. AMIN: SHRI D. R. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of conferences held abroad during the year 1966-67 in which Government of India sent their delegates; and
- (b) the number of such conferences in which the teachers from the Universities were sent as delegates of India with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) Twentynine.

- (b) Two; details are as under:
 - (i) Commonwealth Conference on Education and Training of Technicians held at Huddersfield, U.K. in October, 1966. The delegation included Prof. A. C. Roy, Vice-Chancellor of North Bengal University, and former Principal of Bengal Engineering College.
 - (ii) 7th International Congress of Crystallography held at Moscow from the 12th to 21st July, 1966. Professor G. N. Ramachandran, Professor of Physics and Director, UGC Centre for Advanced Study in Physics, University of Madras, and Chairman, National Committee for Crystallography in India, attended the Congress.

RESIDENTIAL UNIVERSITY AT BHAVNAGAR

5088. SHRI R. K. AMIN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Government are aware of the reported decision of the Government of Gujarat to establish one residential University at Bhavnagar and one university at Rajkot for the Saurashtra Division of Gujarat State; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) The Saurashtra University was established at Rajkot

in 1966. The Government are not aware of the decision of the State Government to set up a University at Bhavnagar.

(b) Does not arise.

VICE-CHANCELLORS OF UNIVERSITIES

5089. SHRI R. K. AMIN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any convention followed by the Government that the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities should not be the Ministers in the Centre as well as in the States; and
- (b) if so, whether it is being adhered to?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) and (b). In the case of Central Universities, with which the Central Government is concerned, the Vice-Chancellors are whole-time salarled officers. The question of appointing Ministers of Central/State Government concurrently as Vice-Chancellors of these universities does not arise. At present, no Minister is Vice-Chancellor of any State University.

CARD INDEX OF CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS

5090. SHRI K. R. GANESH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the compilation of a complete card index of Calcutta University Professors by the Mass Institute of Technology (USA); and
- (b) if so, the sources from which such information was gathered?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) and (b). Information is being collected from Calcutta University and a statement will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

BRIDGE NEAR SHANTI VANA, DELHI

5091. SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision to construct an overbridge near Shanti Vana, Delhi has