

have faded. In order to prevent further deterioration of these documents glass covers of the Documents Gallery Hall are being replaced by ultra violet proof glass. As a further step in the direction of preservation, all the documents have been microfilmed and photostat copies prepared.

CONFERENCE OF VICE-CHANCELLORS

1342. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :
SHRI R. BARUA :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Conference of Vice-Chancellors was recently held at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the main subjects discussed by it;

(c) the recommendations or suggestions made by this conference; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(d) The views expressed by the Vice-Chancellors will be taken into consideration while formulating the National Policy on Education.

(b) and (c). A statement is attached.

Statement

(b) The main subject before the Conference was the recommendations of the Education Commission (1964-66) pertaining to higher education. In this context, the Conference considered (i) the problems relating to enrolments, development programmes, medium of education, student services and welfare; (ii) higher education and research in science, engineering and agriculture; and (iii) problems of governance of universities including relationship between universities and affiliated colleges.

(c) The Conference while agreeing with the main recommendations of the Education Commission pertaining to higher education made some observations regarding the expansion of higher education; improvement of quality of education; medium of education; programme for teachers; student services and welfare; and various other problems of university administration, viz., university autonomy, finance, and appointment of Vice-Chancellors.

DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS IN MUSEUMS

1343. SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state the funds to be provided for the developmental works in the museums during the Fourth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI SHER SINGH) : The tentative allocation at present is Rs. 1.25 Crores.

CLASS III FOR IV CLASS EMPLOYEES

1344. SHRI RAM CHARAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is reservation for persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Class III to be filled by promotion; and

(b) if so, how many vacancies were filled by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes persons during the last five years (up to 31-10-1967) in the various Ministries/Departments and their subordinate offices ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir. Where there is no direct recruitment to a Class III Service post, there is a reservation of 12½% and 5% for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively in vacancies in that Service/post filled by promotion through selection, or through competitive examination, limited to departmental candidates.

(b) Information for the period from 1-11-1962 to 7-11-1963 was not collected and is, therefore, not available. Information for the period 8-11-1963 to 31-12-1966, as available, is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-167/67]. Figures for the period 1-1-1967 to 31-10-1967 are not available, as these figures are collected at the end of the calendar year.

ALL INDIA EDUCATION SERVICE

1346. SHRI K. R. GANESH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has since been taken in regard to formation of an All India Education Service; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof ?