

be exercised only by a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act or an institution deemed to be university under section 3 of the Act or an institution specially empowered by an Act of Parliament to confer or grant degrees.

Under the UGC Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act is entitled to have the word "University" associated with its name. The so-called National University of Electro Complex Homoeopathy functioning from Kanpur does not fall under any of the categories provided in the Act and is not, therefore, empowered to award degrees. It has been intimated by the University Grants Commission that they have taken action under the provisions of the UGC Act to direct the institution to delete the word university and to stop awarding degrees.

#### **Charter of Demands by All India Federation of Diploma Engineers**

2820. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Federation of Diploma Engineers had submitted a charter of demands about two months back;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the measures, if any, contemplated to meet the demands of the Diploma engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d). The relevant information is being collected from the concerned Departments and will be laid on the table of the House.

#### **Reports Warning third World Countries against Privatisation of Agricultural Research**

2821. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports from the Food and Agriculture Organisation, the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research and research organisations like the Worldwatch Institute in Washington, warning the third world countries against the possible take-over of farming by the multi-nationals and also the world-wide concern against increasing privatisation of agricultural research; and

(b) if so, whether Government have considered these reports in the context of the impact on the role of the Indian agricultural scientists engaged on farm research before giving clearance to the Pepsico Project.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the foreign collaboration envisaged in Punjab-Pepsi Proposal is an integrated project including establishment of an Agro-Research Centre. This would develop links between research, farm level production and processing facilities. The basic research being carried out by scientists in the Agricultural Universities and other research stations will, in no way, be affected since the Agro-Research Centre will specifically focus its attention on the development of high yielding varieties of fruits and vegetables suitable for processing. This will act in coordination with Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, and I.C.A.R.

#### **Filling up of Posts by Central Hindi Directorate**

2822. SHRI S. THANGARAJU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 15,000 students are learning Hindi through correspondence courses from the Central Hindi Directorate of which half have been Tamil medium students;

(b) whether 26 new posts have been created to cater to these Tamil medium students who do not know English; and

(c) if so, the number of Tamil knowing persons appointed against these posts, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir. Out of the total enrolment of 14,200 students, only about 30% are Tamil medium students in the current session.

(b) No, Sir. The posts were created for all medium courses and not for Tamil medium course alone.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

#### **BBC Shootings on Indian Cinema**

2823. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a B.B.C. television team has done certain shootings on Indian Cinema recently;

(b) if so, in what context these shootings have been done by the BBC television team;

(c) whether certain film-makers of Indian Cinema, of International repute, have been interviewed by the team;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) how the Indian Cinema will be benefited through these shootings; and

(f) the steps Government propose to take to attract other foreign television teams towards Indian cinema?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (f). BBC Network East have recently shot two documentaries of one hour duration each on Indian Cinema to celebrate its 75th anniversary. One documentary will deal with the evolution of Indian Cinema from the first film in 1913 to the present day and trace the changes in

emphasis and themes over time in the Indian Cinema. The other documentary will look at and analyse various aspects of the Indian film industry today. The two documentaries which seek to inform and entertain will impart an awareness of the importance of the film medium in India to people in UK and also other countries. Our missions abroad periodically organise film festivals to interest people and media there in Indian films.

For both these documentaries BBC have, inter alia, interviewed the following Producers/Music Directors/Actors/Actresses and others in the Cinema industry:

Aamir Khan, Amjad Khan, Annu Malik, Asha Chandra (Ms), Ashok Kumar, B.R. Chopra, Dimal Agarwal, Bunny Ruoben, Callin Pal, Dev Anand, Dilip Kumar, Feroze Khan, G. Venkateswaran, Homi Wadia, Hrishikesh Mukherji, Jairaj, Kedar Sharma, Krishna Swamy, Mandakini Phalke (Ms), Mahesh Bhatt, Meenakshi (Ms), N. Chandra, Nadim, Naseeruddin Shah, Nassir Husain, Naushad, Rajendra Kumar, Rajesh Khanna, Ravindra Jain, Ramesh Sippy, Salim Khan, Saraj Khan (Ms), Shammi Kapoor, Shapur Irani, Shekhar Kapoor, Sunil Dutt, Tanuja (Ms), Tarak Nath Gandhi, Uday Rao Kavi, Vinod Chopra and Zeenat Amman (Ms).

#### **National Institute of Disaster Management**

2824. SHRI SRIHARI RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the location for setting up the National Institute of Disaster Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh had approached and assured the Union Government that the required land and other facilities will be made available for establishing the Institute in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon?