

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Against the total cane price dues for the season 1976-77 amounting to Rs. 591.18 crores, Rs. 1259 crores were outstanding for payment to cane growers by various sugar factories in the country as on 15-10-77. The balance dues amount to 2.1 per cent of the total which is much less than in the preceding two seasons. Towards arrears of price payable for cane purchased in earlier seasons, a sum of Rs. 711.97 crores are in addition due.

(b) No such case has been reported to Central Government.

(c) In view of the balance dues being very nominal, there should be no difficulty for the sugar mills to purchase the sugarcane offered by the cane growers in accordance with the terms of the contract. As on 30-11-77, as many as 137 sugar mills had been reported to have started crushing operations during the current season in spite of no excise duty rebate this season.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Unemployed Trained Physical Educationists

2662. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 500 trained physical educationists are now jobless in Delhi and other places; and

(b) if so, what does he propose to do with regard to that?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) There are at present 2332 trained unemployed Physical Educa-

tion Teachers registered with the Employment Exchanges in the Union Territory of Delhi. Similar information in respect of other parts of the country is not immediately available.

(b) The primary responsibility for providing employment to the Physical Education teachers in educational institutions rests with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government has, however, suggested to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations that they may ensure appointment of at least one trained Physical Education teacher for every 250 pupils, or a portion thereof in the Middle, High/Higher Secondary schools. The problem of unemployment in respect of Physical Education teachers is, of course, to be considered in the overall context of the problem of educated unemployment in the country.

लहाखी छात्रों को छात्रवृत्तियां

2663. श्रीमती पार्वती देवी : क्या शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) लहाखी छात्रों को जिले से बाहर उच्चतर शिक्षा संस्थाओं में अध्ययन करने के लिए इस समय कितनी छात्रवृत्तियां मिलती हैं और इनका लाभ उठाने वाले छात्रों की संख्या कितनी है; और

(ख) इस सुविधा को बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती रेणुका देवी बरकटकी) : (क) तथा (ख). अपेक्षित सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।