

University, the decision to introduce B. Com (Hons.) Correspondence Course was conveyed to the University by University Grants Commission in August 1977 and as such, preparation of lessons was taken up later. About fifteen lessons have been received and are being edited for printing. These are likely to be sent to the students in the first week of December, 1977.

**Post of Director, Indian Council of Historical Research**

1602. PROF. DALIP CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the qualifications prescribed for the post of Director as laid down in the Indian Council of Historical Research Service Regulations;

(b) whether there is any maximum age limit for the post;

(c) whether these qualifications were adhered to when the present Director was appointed; and

(d) if not, what Government propose to do in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) The educational qualifications prescribed for the post are:—

(i) at least a second class M.A. in History or allied subjects;

(ii) Ph.D. or research publication of equivalent standard;

(iii) at least ten years experience in teaching or guiding research; and

(iv) published works of a high standard.

(b) The maximum age limit prescribed is 45 years for direct recruits, which is relaxable in the case of promotees.

(c) and (d). According to the information available, the present Director fulfils the educational qualifications prescribed for the post, but not the age requirement prescribed for direct recruits. Action is under way for the appointment of a Chairman for the Council. Government propose to request him to look into this matter.

**World Bank Aid to bring Krishna Water to Madras**

1603 SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu State Government has requested the Centre to secure World Bank aid for the execution of the project to bring Krishna Water to Madras; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) and (b). No specific proposal for World Bank assistance for bringing Krishna Waters to Madras has so far been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

**Desert Development Programme in Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh**

1604. SHRI RAJ KESHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extend its desert development programme to cold and arid regions of Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the schemes proposed to be formulated under the programme; and