

**Disparity in Pay Scales of Lecturers and School Teachers**

1129. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a demand from the Government School Teachers Association to remove disparity in the pay scales of Lecturers and the school teachers; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) According to the information furnished by the Delhi Administration the Government School Teachers' Association submitted a Charter of Demand to the Chief Executive Councillor on 24-4-1978 where in the question of removal of alleged disparities between the pay-scales of Delhi Teachers and Lecturers of the colleges was raised.

(b) The demand of the Association was examined by the Delhi Administration and has been found to be unsustainable.

**Opening of Doyang Reserve Forests**

1130. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item in the Indian Express dated 25th June, 1978 that the Nagaland Chief Minister, lodged a strong protest with the Assam Chief Minister, on his decision to open the Doyang reserve forest to cultivators; and

(b) whether it has also been stated in the letter that this unilateral decision is a clear abrogation of the 1952 agreement in which it is stipulated that there would be no change in this reserve forest till a final settlement was arrived at?

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THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

**Talks held by wheat growing and wheat importing countries in London**

1131. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks by the world's leading wheat growing and wheat importing countries were held in London during the first week of June, 1978; and

(b) if so, the conclusions drawn and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). A Negotiating Conference was held in Geneva in February-March, 1978 under the auspices of the UNCTAD for negotiating a New International Wheat Agreement to replace the Wheat Trade Convention of 1971. Following the failure of this Conference, an Interim Committee was constituted to resolve the outstanding differences among member countries on the key elements of New Arrangement and to prepare tentative texts of the different articles for consideration by the next Negotiating Conference.

The Interim Committee held its first meeting at Geneva from 1st to 5th May, 1978 and its second meeting at London from 5th to 22nd June, 1978.

The discussion at both the first and the second meetings of the Interim Committee had centred mainly on the following:

I—Actions at different stages of the price range for maintaining stability in prices and assuring supplies to the importers particularly the developing countries.