

the Agra University of basically wrong and fallacious solution to mathematical problems and award of a prize and even a Ph. D. degree in the basis thereof, and state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission's Panel on mathematics has since given its report on the reference made to it;

(b) if so, what is its finding on each of these cases cited therein;

(c) whether any action has been taken either by the U.G.C. or the University to undo the mischief done by this pollution of knowledge and to prevent its recurrence; if so what;

(d) whether it is also a fact that one of the authors of these research papers was the recipient of a fellowships of U.G.C.; and

(e) when he did this research and published his paper?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) to (e). The matter was considered by the Conveners of the Science Panels of the University Grants Commission on September 13, 1978. They felt that it will be difficult for the UGC to interfere with the decisions of Universities on acceptance of Ph. D. thesis or publication of research results in journals. It has been left to individual subject panels to suggest list of journals which maintain good standards through recourse to referee evaluation of papers received for publication, so that a publication in such a journal would be considered as of good quality.

On the specific points mentioned in Dr. J. P. Agarwal's letter, at the instance of the Vice-Chancellor, Agra University, Dr. H. S. Sharma who was the Supervisor, had written to the Commission on September 9, 1978 to explain the position. According to Dr. Sharma, the thesis was submitted by Shri P. N. Singh in January, 1973, and the article was printed later in the June, 1973 volume of the Journal

"Mathematics Education" published in 1974 in Bihar. The question of mentioning this article in the thesis submitted earlier did not therefore arise. It was an omission on the part of the printers of the Journal in not correctly mentioning the authorship of the article. The Agra University is not concerned with the publication of the Journal, nor were the proofs or reprints of the article received from the publishers. Dr. Sharma has further stated that any scholar finding mistakes in the published article should have written to the Journal (*The Mathematics Education*) so that the author could also send a rejoinder and the whole matter generate academic interest.

The Ph. D. work in question was not undertaken by Shri P. N. Singh with a fellowship awarded by the University Grants Commission.

Housing loans by World Bank

59. SHRI P. KANNAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance given by World Bank for housing in this country;

(b) the conditions of assistance;

(c) the extent to which assistance has been availed of;

(d) whether there are any cases in which such assistance has not been availed of for lack of preparatory or matching efforts; and

(e) if so, the details and the steps taken to ensure that assistance does not go abegging?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) No assistance has been received from World Bank for housing.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.