

consumer attitude or the producers' attitude or middlemen?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : In a whole list of commodities beginning with paddy, rice and wheat and coarser foodgrains going down to tea and jute bags, it is very difficult for me here to tell the hon. Member the steps taken in regard to every particular commodity. After all, the general index is made up of the prices of various commodities. There has been a little hardening in the price of tea. It certainly has an effect on the general index. So far as paddy stocks are concerned, they are very low. Our hope is that there will be a good crop and the difficult price position will be a matter of a few weeks. It may not be so in other cases. There has been a little hardening in the price of coarser grains largely because of the crops being short. On the other hand, we are told that cotton is going to be reasonably good. So are oilseeds. These are factors which it is very difficult to assess unless they are pieced together. We can only press them together and present a picture. I cannot discuss individual commodities.

Shri Bansal : May I know what is the latest general price index as compared to that about two months back?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : The price index on September 1st was 422. It came down to 417 on 27th of October. Today it is round about 430.

Indian National Commission for U.N.E.S.C.O.

*590. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the resolutions passed by the second conference of Indian National Commission for U.N.E.S.C.O. held in February, 1956, in New Delhi, have been implemented; and

(b) if so, the details of the main recommendations implemented?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, Annexure No. 24].

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : May I know who have been appointed as the Architect and Consultant? What would be their remuneration?

Dr. M. M. Das : That question does not arise out of this.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : What were the subjects about which recommendations were made?

Dr. M. M. Das : The Indian Commission for co-operation with the U.N.E.S.C.O. passed resolutions on education, science, culture, mass communication, literature for the neo-literates, etc.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : May I know whether any of the recommendations made by the Indian Commission have been accepted by the U.N.E.S.C.O. and if so, what are they?

Dr. M. M. Das : The Hon. Member knows that the Ninth General Conference of the U.N.E.S.C.O. has not yet concluded. They are still continuing their deliberations. Up till now, two of the recommendations made by the Indian Commission for Co-operation with the U.N.E.S.C.O. have been accepted by the General Conference. These are major projects for mutual appreciation of eastern and western cultural values and increase in the Budget of the U.N.E.S.C.O.

Public Service (Qualifications and Recruitment) Committee's Report

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 { **Shri D.C. Sharma:**
Shri Jhulan Sinha:
 *591 { **Sardar Iqbal Singh :**
Sardar Akarpuri:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1022 on the 13th August, 1956, and state:

(a) whether the Report of the Public Service (Qualifications and Recruitment) Committee and comments of State Governments thereon have been considered by Government; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken thereon?

The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Most of the State Governments have expressed their comments on the Report of the Committee. Replies from the Governments of Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Orissa, Bombay and Manipur are still awaited.

(b) A decision on the recommendations of the Committee will be taken after replies from all the States have been received and considered.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know how many States there are whose replies are still awaited and whether any time limit has been set for the receipt of these replies?

Shri Datar: Replies are being awaited from the Governments of Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Orissa, Bombay and Manipur as also from the Ministries of Education and Finance and the U. P. S. C.

Janata Colleges

*592. **Shri S. C. Samanta :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any uniformity followed by the existing Janata Colleges in India as regards the syllabus standard and periodicity of training etc.; and