

(b) if so, whether the views of all State Governments have been obtained;

(c) how many States have so far forwarded their recommendations to the Centre;

(d) the changes which are likely to be made and whether these changes have been approved by the State Governments;

(e) whether many States have opposed this move of the Central Government;

(f) whether in view of the opposition, the Central Government are not likely to introduce the legislation during the current year; and

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

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) No final decision has been taken so far.

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

Nationalisation of Aided and Public Schools

142. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have under consideration nationalisation of the Government aided and the public schools in the country;

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) School Education is primarily the responsibility of various State Governments. As such, it is for the individual State Governments to examine the matter.

Rice to West Bengal

143. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether West Bengal Government have recently asked from the Central Government to supply rice as demanded earlier by that State;

(b) if so, the quantity of rice so far supplied to that State against the demand; and

(c) what further steps have been taken to meet the requirement of the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). The Government of West Bengal have been allotted more rice than demanded by them during 1980. Lifting of rice by the State Government is, however, lower than allotment.

(c) To ensure sufficient supplies, movement of foodgrains to West Bengal has been geared up. As compared to 1979, the average monthly movement of foodgrains during the current year has been higher by about 42 thousand tonnes per month.

Expenditure on Education in Sixth Plan

144. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Working Group on Education has suggested to the Central Government to invest more national income on education in the Sixth Plan than the amount invested in the previous plans; and