

HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Observance of reservation orders in I.I.T., Madras

197. **SHRI K. B. S. MANI:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a spot study has been conducted in I.I.T., Madras regarding observance of reservation orders for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if not, when the spot study will be conducted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, on 28-1-1978 a study team from the office of Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes conducted the study regarding observance of reservation orders for SC/ST at I.I.T., Madras.

U.G.C. grants to J.V.M.G.R. College Charki Dadri, Haryana

198. **SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1637 on 23rd June, 1980 regarding U.G.C. grants to JVMGR College and state:

(a) whether the investigation into certain irregularities in the construction of staff quarters of J.V.M.G.R. College built with U.G.C.'s assistance during Fourth Plan period has since been completed;

(b) if so, the decision so far thereon; and

(c) whether the grant has been released?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). On receipt of the report of investigation, the University Grants Commission asked the College to provide adequate electric facilities in the staff quarters and send a certificate to that effect. Subject to this, the Commission decided to lift the ban imposed on the release of development grants to the College in general.

The College has since furnished the required certificate. While the grants for the construction of staff quarters have already been paid to the College, grants for the construction of library building have yet to be released.

Industrial Wood and Social Forestry

199. **SHRI HARINATH MISHRA:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of industrial wood in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce high-yielding varieties of timber, particularly Central American species in the forests;

(c) whether Government propose to reclaim wastelands, ravines for promotion of social forestry in and near the villages to meet the shortage of fuel wood; and

(d) whether Government would earmark special funds to launch a crash programme to give impetus to industrial wood and social forestry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. There is shortage of industrial wood.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) For growing industrial wood, no funds are specially earmarked. There is a proposal under consideration for giving assistance to the States for growing fuelwood for supply to rural population, under a Centrally sponsored (Social Forestry) Scheme.