

1981 and its final report by May 15, 1981.

Enriched First-Degree Course

1970. SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER:
SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the introduction of a new 'enriched' first degree course;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the response of the States to this new policy; and

(d) when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b). In the context of the adoption of the 10+2+3 pattern of education, the University Grants Commission has formulated certain guidelines for reorganisation and restructuring of the first degree courses, their diversification, and introduction of flexibility, relevance, practical orientation and inter-disciplinary approaches in them. According to these guidelines, the undergraduate courses should be so structured that every student is given a grounding in four areas, namely, a set of foundation courses designed to create an awareness of different areas; a set of core courses that will enable students to acquire a broad familiarity with some chosen disciplines, including study of one or more of them in depth; some applied studies, projects of field work; and an involvement in extension programmes.

(c) and (d). These guidelines were circulated in September, 1978 to all universities for consideration by their

academic bodies. The process of formulation of courses of studies, syllabi, etc. in the light of these guidelines is in progress in many universities.

Electronic Cross Bar Exchange in the Country

1971. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:
SWAMI INDERVESH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Electronic Cross Bar Exchanges in the country;

(b) if so, the names of places where such cross bar exchanges will be set up and by when; and

(c) the funds allocated by the Central Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Demolitions in Vishwas Nagar, Delhi

1972. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 300 Harijan houses in Vishwas Nagar, a trans-Jamuna colony in Delhi were recently burnt and demolished by the demolition squad of DDA and the Police rendering more than 1000 Harijans and other weaker sections homeless;

(b) if so, whether any prior arrangement for the rehabilitation of the uprooted persons were made by the