

textile machinery. Other important areas of Indian assistance are in setting up a Buffalo Breeding Centre and a Rice Research Institute in Vietnam. India shall shortly be sending experts for these Centres. In addition, India is also providing training facilities to vietnamese students in Indian Universities.

(b) to (d) During my visit to Vietnam, discussions took place on the future pattern of Indian cooperation with Vietnam in economic and technical fields. Both sides agreed that conditions are appropriate to plan a long term cooperation between the two countries in economic, scientific and technical fields.

A team of Indian experts, which recently visited Laos and Kampuchea, had also visited Hanoi. This team shall shortly submit a Report on the areas, manner and extent of Indian assistance to all these countries. After consideration of the recommendations in the Report the Government will take appropriate decisions on the future pattern of assistance to vietnam. In the meantime, a further credit of Rs. 10 crores has been extended for Vietnam for the financial year 1982-83. Government have also decided to postpone by one year repayment of credits and loans due this year.

Curtailment of Library Funds

2982. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH:

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:
SHRI ARJUN SETHI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the book trade in the country is facing a crisis due to the curtailment of library funds;

(b) whether Government propose to release library funds soon;

(c) whether the booksellers and publishers had urged upon the financial institutions for soft loans and other facilities to help the stockists; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government and decision to be taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE. (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) There has generally been no curtailment in the grant of library funds by the Central Government.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Reserve Bank of India has already issued a circular to all commercial banks to the effect that requests from smaller units in the book publishing trade for credit facilities may be considered on merits, keeping in view the usual safeguards for extending credit.

News Item Captioned 'Drug addiction in India

2984. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHEPATIL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in drug abuse in India particularly in school and college going children;

(b) whether Government have made any survey in this regard and if so what are the details;

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to check this menace particularly among the youth;

(d) what remedial measures have been considered to save the lives of drugs addicts.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) There is no data available to show that the incidence of drug addiction is on the increase.

(b) The findings of research studies sponsored by this Ministry in selected universities show that only a small proportion of students take drugs other than socially tolerated ones like