

order that a system in consonance with the needs of the country may be evolved. The decisions of individual States are awaited

Details of a common admission test that may be held for the Higher Technological Institutes are being formulated in consultation with the authorities of the Institutes

Commercial Education

352. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 206 on the 5th August, 1959 and state the further progress made in examining the question of re-organisation of Commercial Education by a Joint Committee of the Inter-University Board, the All India Council for Technical Education and the University Grants Commission?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr M. M. Das): 1 Since August 1959, the Committee has held two meetings and discussed various other aspects of Education for Commerce, as for instance, Commerce education at Secondary education level, co-ordination between professional bodies and Commerce institutions, employment opportunities for Commerce graduates, Correspondence Courses, executive development programme etc. The Committee has also had the benefit of the advice of an American expert, whose services were specially made available by the Ford Foundation.

2 The Sub-Committees appointed by the Committee are formulating detailed proposals regarding Commerce education at the Secondary level, diploma courses in the Polytechnics, practical training of Commerce students and co-ordination between professional bodies and educational institutions.

3 Further replies received to the questionnaire are being analysed On-the-spot information is being collected by interviewing educationists, in-

dustrialists and others to supplement the material obtained through written replies to the questionnaire.

Re-employment of Retired Officers

353. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government Class I and Class II Officers who have been given extension or re-employment after superannuation in the year 1959-60 so far (Ministry/Department wise), and

(b) the main reason for these extension and re-employments?

The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course

Houses for Scheduled Castes in Himachal Pradesh

354 Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) the number of houses constructed for Scheduled Castes in rural and urban areas of Himachal Pradesh between 1954 and 1958, and

(b) the names of the various communities of Scheduled Castes living therein?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar) (a) and (b) The information has been called for from the Himachal Pradesh Administration and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received

Humayun Tomb, New Delhi

355. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the maintenance of Humayun Tomb, New Delhi, during 1958-59, and

(b) the amount proposed to be spent during 1959-60?