

**Correspondence course for University Education**

- \*947. { Shri Vajpayee:  
Shri Chuni Lal:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri K. B. Malvia:  
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:  
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme to start correspondence courses for students failing to get admission in Universities has been finalised;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the scheme and the time by which it will be introduced; and

(c) whether any amount has been earmarked for the implementation of the scheme during the Third Five Year Plan period?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** (a) and (b). Details of the Scheme for starting Correspondence Courses in selected Universities are being worked out by an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. D. S. Kothari. It is expected that Correspondence Courses will be utilised mostly by candidates who are in employment in any organisation and/or by those who live far away from university and college centres or cannot join regular colleges for other reasons. It is proposed that correspondence students will be awarded the same degrees as those who study at regular colleges.

(c) A sum of Rs. 1.20 lakhs has been earmarked for implementation of the scheme of Evening Colleges and Correspondence Courses during the Third Five Year Plan.

**Help to Ceylon for establishing Steel Plants**

- \*948. { Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has offered to Ceylon to help in the latter's plan

to establish a steel plant; and

(b) if so, what help is proposed to be rendered in this matter?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) and (b) India's assistance was sought by Ceylon Government for examining a report obtained by that Government for the setting up an Iron & Steel Plant there, and two experts were sent to Ceylon for the purpose. Consideration is also being given for the provision of training facilities to technicians from Ceylon in Steel Works in India.

**Manufacture of Tape-Recorders**

- \*949. { Shri Subbiah Ambalam:  
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
Shri Daljit Singh:  
Shri L. Achaw Singh:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement to manufacture tape-recorders at Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore has been concluded with M/s. Nippon Electric Company;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many type's of tape-recorders are proposed to be manufactured and at what costs; and

(d) when the production is likely to commence for the public?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to disclose the details of the Agreement.

(c) At present under the agreements with M/s. Nippon Electric Co.,