

An extensive programme of apprenticeship training for engineering graduates and diploma-holders has also been developed to equip them with practical experience for better employment. Over 10,000 training places are secured each year in private and public enterprises, government departments and other technical organisations. The programme of training extends over 12 months and each graduate is paid a stipend of Rs. 250 per month and diploma-holder Rs. 150 per month. To co-ordinate and supervise the programme of apprenticeship, four regional Boards of Apprenticeship training have been set up in cooperation with industry.

Girls' Education in Fourth Plan

1304. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-

Statement

(Figures in Millions)

	Fourth Plan (69-74) Targets	68-69 Actual enrolment	69-70 Estimated achievement	70-71 Estimated achievement	71-72 Targets Provision
1. Classes I-V	27.33	20.57	21.61	22.97	24.80
2. Classes VI-VIII	5.91	3.51	3.82	4.19	4.64
3. Classes IX-XI	2.69	1.63	1.75	1.90	2.08

Closing Down of the Institution "The Calcutta Licenced Measures"

1305. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Institution named "The Calcutta Licensed Measures" owned and controlled by the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Bengal Chamber of Commerce, came into existence sometime in the late 19th century ;

(b) whether this institution, over and above checking of weights and shipment samples, has been acting as valuers and assessors for different institutions including Public Sector Industries and Nationalised banks;

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, whether the said institution has recently been closed down and if so, on what grounds ;

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

(a) the target fixed for girls' education in Fourth Plan ; and

(b) the progress made in promoting girls' education in the first three years of the Plan period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) : (a) and (b). A statement is attached.

(d) whether his attention has also been drawn to the fact that if the institution is finally allowed to close down, it will not only create unemployment to many but will also mean big increase in the malpractices ; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Demand and output of Scientific Literature

1306. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the demand for scientific literature in India is growing and there is a big gap