

Ordnance Factory Schools under Director General of Ordnance Factories;

(b) if so, the reasons for abnormal delay;

(c) the steps taken to get these implemented; and

(d) whether other Ministries like railways have implemented it ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) to (d). The recommendations of the Kothari Commission in this regard have been looked into and other Ministries who have similar Schools under them have been consulted. Some of these Schools have slightly lower scales of pay than those prescribed by the railways who alone have accepted the Kothari Commission scales among the Ministries. This matter came up for discussion at the meetings of the Departmental Council of this Ministry, under the JCM Scheme and having regard to all these points the staff-side were advised to raise this matter in the National Council, under the JCM as it affected Teachers under several employing Ministries.

Delegation sent abroad

7289. **SHRI KRISHNA HALDER :**

DR. KARNI SINGH :

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI :

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) the specific missions for which various Delegations of Government officials were sent abroad during the year 1969-70, 1970-71 ;

(b) the achievements of the various delegations ;

(c) the names of officers and the names of countries visited by them ; and

(d) the expenditure involved in the shape of foreign exchange ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign Delegation Visiting India

7290. **SHRI KRISHNA HALDER :** Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state the number of foreign officials/non-official dignitaries, delegations and good-will missions that visited India on Government's invitation during 1969-70 and 1970-71 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : No record is maintained in respect of the visit to India of foreign *Unofficial* dignitaries.

A total of 450 foreign official dignitaries, delegations and good-will missions visited India during 1969-70.

For the year 1970-71, the number of foreign official dignitaries, delegations and good-will missions that visited India is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Trachoma Disease among Rural population of Punjab

7291. **SHRI B. S. BHAURA :** Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING** be pleased to state :

(a) whether 79.1 per cent of Rural Population in Punjab was suffering from Trachoma ; and