- (ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस सम्बन्ध में बिहार में की गई कार्यवाहियों का क्या परिणाम निकला है : और
- (ग) प्रायों में सांस्कृतिक क्रियाकलापों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए चौथी योजना के अन्तर्गत तैयार किये गये कार्यक्रम क्या है ?

शिक्षा और समान कस्वाण मन्त्राख्य और संस्कृति विभाग मन्त्री (श्री सिद्धार्थ शंकरराय): (क) सरकार का ऐसा विचार नहीं है ग्रामों में सांस्कृतिक जीवन की स्थिति में कोई गिरावट आई है। ग्रामों में सांस्कृतिक जीवन की स्थिति में सुधार लाने के लिए कोई विशिष्ट योजना नहीं बनाई गई है।

## (ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना में केवल ग्रामों के हेत सांस्कृतिक कार्यकलापों की उन्नति के लिए कोई विशिष्ट कार्यक्रम नहीं बनाया गया है।

Loans advanced by Nationalised Banks in District Bahraich U. P.

2618. SHRI B. R. SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of loans advanced by the nationalised banks functioning in the district Bahraich (U. P.) after nationalisation:
- (b) the respective amounts of loans advanced to cultivators, businessmen, persons of low-income groups such as rikshaw pliers. motor car drivers and to persons carring on trade on a small scale : and
- (c) whether any loan was advanced by the nationalised banks functioning at Bahraich to any engineer or doctor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN): (a) to (c). Information asked for is not readily available; to the extent possible it will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

## Demouetisation of Currency to Unearth Black Money

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Direct Taxes Enquiry Committee, appointed by the Central Government about a year ago, has recommended almost wholesale demonetisation of Indian currency as the best way to smash the "Parallel Economy of Black Money";
- (b) if so, whether Government have accepted the said recommendation of the Committee: and
  - (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) to (c). The interim report of the Direct Taxes Enquiry Committee is under the consideration of the Government.

## Grants to Higher Secondary Schools in Tripura for Construction of Hostels

2620. SHRI DASARATHA DEB: WIII the Minister of EDUCATION SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any amount was granted to the Higher Secondary Schools in Tripura out of tribal Welfare Fund with a view to constructing Hostels for providing accommodation to Tribal students during the Third Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the names of the recipient Institutions and the amount received by each of them so far; and
- (c) the number of Tribal students staying in each Hostel at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE EDUCATION AND MINISTRY OF AND IN THE WELFARE SOCIAL CULTURE (SHRI DEPARTMENT OF D. P. YADAVA); (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected from the Tripura Administration and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.