

flights to Europe. Air India is making an intensive sales promotion drive and expects there will be an adequate demand for its cargo capacity.

(c) Low commodity rates have been introduced for the transport of fresh fruit and vegetables to Europe and to the U. K. and customers are being given suitable advice in regard to packaging problems etc.

Customs Clearance of Fruits and Vegetables

5792. SHRI RANABHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the arrangements made by Government for Customs Clearance of fresh fruits and vegetables on Sundays and holidays ; and

(b) whether there has been any arrangement to give to such goods the facility of clearance at the airport rather than at the customs' buildings which are quite far from the Airport ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) Customs staff are posted on duty on Sundays and holidays also to allow clearance of fresh fruits and vegetables.

(b) Arrangements exist for clearance of such goods at the major airports.

Grant sanctioned to High and Higher Secondary Schools in Rural Areas of West Bengal Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

5793. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of grant sanctioned to High and Higher Secondary Schools in rural areas of West Bengal under Centrally sponsored scheme during 1968-69, 1969-70 and 1970-71 ; and

(b) the number of applications that are pending ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) :

(a) A statement giving the requisite information in respect of West Bengal as a whole, is attached.

(b) None.

Statement

Grant sanctioned to High/Higher Secondary Schools of West Bengal under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the years 1968-69, 1969-70 and 1970-71.

Sl.No.	Scheme	Year of Sanction	School to which grant was sanctioned	Amount of grant (Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Improvement of Secondary Education—Strengthening of Science Laboratories of Secondary Schools.	1968-69	The Grant was sanctioned to the Government of West Bengal and not to individual High/Higher Secondary Schools, as such.	10,19,000
2.	Assistance to Voluntary Educational Organisations in the field of school education.	1968-69	Ramakrishna Ashram, P. O. Nimpith Ashram, 24 Parganas.	5,000
	do	do	Sri Sharda Ashram New Alipore, Calcutta.	20,000

1	2	3	4	5
2.	Assistance to Voluntary Educational Organisations in the field of school education.	1968-69	Ramakrishna Mission Vidya Pith, Purulia.	30,000
	do	1969-70	Shri Sharda Ashram, New Alipore, Calcutta.	3,940
	do	do	Baishnachak Mahesh Chandra High School, Midnapore.	7,000
	do	1970-71	Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Nimpith, Jayanagar.	4,180
	do	do	Sri Sharda Ashram, New Alipore, Calcutta.	4,980

Implementation of Recommendations of Education Commission and Pay Commission in respect of Pay Scales of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff in West Bengal

5794. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the recommendations of the Education Commission 1964-66 and of the recent Pay Commission set up by the Central Government in respect of scales of pay of teaching and non-teaching staff of High, Junior High and Higher Secondary Schools in West Bengal are being implemented ; and

(b) if so, the revised scales of pay category-wise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) : (a) and (b). The recommendations of the Education commission were forwarded to all State Governments including West Bengal for implementation. As per information available in the Ministry the pay scales of teachers of West Bengal in different categories are as in the statement. The Central Government did not set up any Pay Commission for the teaching and non-teaching staff of schools in West Bengal. However it is learnt that the West Bengal Government had set up a Pay Commission and the latest position in this regard is being ascertained from the State Government.

Statement

Primary School Teachers (Matric Trained)

	MINIMUM			MAXIMUM			
	Pay	D.A.	Total	Pay	D.A.	Total	
West Bengal	272	—	272	396	—	396	Govt. Sch. 1.4.70
	120@	90	210	230	90	320	Non Govt. Sch. on 31.3.70

@Revision under consideration.

Trained Graduate Teachers

West Bengal	297	—	297	471	—	471	Govt. Sch. 1.4.70
	167*	90	257	317	90	407	Non-Govt. Sec. Sch. on 31.3.70 (Distn. Hons.)
	220	90	310	470	90	560	

Post Graduate Teachers

West Bengal	371@@	—	371	639	—	639	Govt. Sec. Sch. from 1.4.70
	240*	90	330	470	90	560	Non Govt. Schools on 31.3.70 M.A. I and II Class
	220	90	310	470	90	560	M. A. III class

* Revision under consideration.

@@Rs. 381 for 2nd class Master's Degree holders.