

इस समय कुल कितनी राशि बकाया है;

(ख) वित्त वर्ष 1971-72 के दौरान कितनी राशि का ऋण देने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(ग) राज्य को दिये गये ऋण पर ब्याज की दर क्या है तथा इस समय ब्याज की कुल कितनी राशि बकाया है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० गणेश) : (क) 31 मार्च, 1971 को 589.42 करोड़ रुपया ।

(ख) पश्चिम बंगाल राज्य की 1971-72 की आयोजना के लिए जो केन्द्रीय सहायता निर्धारित की गई है उसमें लगभग 30.94 करोड़ रुपये के इकट्ठे ऋण भी शामिल हैं। इसके अलावा राज्य सरकार को, अल्प बचतों की संगृहीत रकम के एवज में तथा केन्द्र प्रायोजित योजनाओं आदि की वित्त व्यवस्था करने के लिए भी ऋण मिलेंगे। 1971-72 के राज्य के बजट में, कुल मिलाकर केन्द्रीय ऋणों के रूप में 76.79 करोड़ रुपये प्राप्त होने की कल्पना की गयी है।

(ग) राज्य सरकारों को केन्द्रीय सरकार से जो ऋण मिलते हैं उन पर सामान्यतया 5 प्रतिशत प्रतिवर्ष की दर से ब्याज लिया जाता है और समय पर मूल रकम की वापसी तथा ब्याज की अदायगी किये जाने के लिए 1/4 प्रतिशत की छूट भी दी जाती है।

31 मार्च, 1971 को केन्द्रीय ऋणों पर देय ब्याज की बकाया रकम 7.90 करोड़ रुपया थी।

Running Grades for University Teachers

5800. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether various organisations of University teachers have demanded running grades for the teachers ;

(b) whether some of the Universities have indicated their willingness to accept the demand for running grades provided the Union Government allocate more grants to the Universities and

(c) if so, whether Union Government propose to increase its grants to meet the demands of the University teachers ?

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

(a) Yes, Sir. The question is under consideration of the Committee on Governance of Universities and Colleges set up by the University Grants Commission.

(b) A few Universities have suggested running grades for college teachers but no additional financial assistance has been asked for in this connection.

(c) Does not arise.

Progress made in Road Development

5801. SHRI K. BALATHANDAYUTHAM : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether road development has not kept pace with road traffic increases in the country ;

(b) what is the increase registered in road traffic in the country during the last three years ; and

(c) the progress made in road development during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) to (c). There is justification for roads being developed at a faster pace in the context of traffic increases in the country. This is being done as far as funds available for the purpose permit. The goods traffic moving by roads is estimated to have increased from 34 billion tonne kilometres in 1965-66 to 40 billion tonne kilometres in 1968-69. During 1969-70 the traffic is estimated to have further increased to about 47 billion tonne kilometres. The passenger traffic is estimated to have increased from 82 billion passenger kilometres in 1965-66 to 98 billion

passenger kilometres in 1968-69 and further to 111 billion passenger kilometres in 1969-70.

In regard to progress in road development, the length of surfaced roads increased from 2.87 lakh kilometres in 1965-66 to 3.25 lakh kilometres in 1968-69. In the two years 1969-70 and 1970-71 about 20,000 kilometres of surfaced roads are further estimated to have been added.

In comparing the progress in road development and increase in traffic it has to be appreciated that besides additions to road length, considerable improvements have been made to the existing roads such as widening, strengthening etc. which have resulted in increase in the capacity of the roads.

Girls College at Cooch-Behar

5802. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state whether the Government of West Bengal have decided to start a Government-sponsored Girls College at Cooch-Behar town and if so, how soon the college will be set up ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) : The information is being collected from the Government of West Bengal and a statement will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Money Advanced to Various Persons in the District of Cooch-Behar since Banks Nationalisation

5803. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of money so far advanced to various persons under different schemes in the district of Coochbehar since nationalisation of banks ;

(b) the category of those loanees, such as big businessmen small traders ; and

(c) the terms and conditions of such financial advances and to what extent such advances were made against securities or sureties, or without security or surety ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) : (a) to (c). The information is not maintained by the banks in the form asked for by the Hon'ble Member. Data in respect of advances made upto December 1970 in West Bengal State by nationalised banks under the categories of agriculture (direct finance), small scale industries and road transport operators are furnished below :

| | No. of A/Cs. | Amount outstanding. (Rs. lakhs) |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Agriculture (Direct Finance) | 15746 | 625.31 |
| Small Scale Industries. | 3982 | 2352.88 |
| Road Transport | 921 | 228.94 |

Note : Figures are provisional.

Regarding terms and conditions of these schemes Hon'ble Member's attention is invited to the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 638 answered on 28th May, 1971.

Popularization of 'Kalaripayattu'

5804. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any scheme for the popularisation of 'Kalaripayattu' (a unique combination of art and sport of Kerala) ; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the potential of self-defence by proper training of 'Kalaripayattu' ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the information contained in a pamphlet issued by the Kerala 'Kalaripayat' Association, this system enables the student to master the art of self-defence.

Scholarships/Stipends to Retired Professors of Colleges for Research Work

5805. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL