

the mechanisation programme has been impressed on State Governments many of whom have taken suitable steps to organise the flow of institutional finance to the mechanised fishing industry. The question of providing subsidy on fuel used by fishing boats has also been taken up for consideration. The observations of the Programme Evaluation Organisation are being kept in view in finalising the Annual Plans of the States. The report has also been furnished to the State Governments who are concerned with the implementation of the programmes of mechanisation, refrigeration, marketing, training and welfare.

Strike by Students of Patel Memorial National College, Rajpura (Punjab)

1961. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the continuous strike by students of the Patel Memorial National College, Rajpura (Punjab) for the last few days ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to solve the dispute ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (PROF. D.P. YADAVA) : (a) and (b). The students of the Patel Memorial National College, Rajpura went on strike from August 26, 1971 to express their resentment against the following :—

- (1) alleged dictatorial attitude of and the irregularities committed by the Managing Committee of this College ;
- (2) non-removal of one of the teachers, inspite of the resentment shown by the students continuously for about three years ;
- (3) alleged termination of services of able professors every year

without any fault on their part ;

- (4) non-probing of the deficit of over Rs. 2 lakhs in the college budget ;
- (5) non-completion of unfinished buildings and the delay taking place in their construction ; and
- (6) apathy towards games in as much as even the Director of Physical Education had not been appointed.

The students also demanded better teaching arrangements, improvement of library and laboratory facilities and provision of amenities for students.

(c) The strike was called off on September 21, 1971 on the intervention of the Director of Public Instruction, Punjab. The Punjabi University, to which the college is affiliated, is looking into the various aspects of the grievances of the students.

Assistance given to Sikkim Institute of Tibetology

1962. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of financial and other assistance given so far by the Government of India to the Institute of Tibetology in Sikkim ;

(b) whether the Governing Body of the Institute has the power to appoint the Director of the Institute ;

(c) if so, whether there has been any recent decision to appoint a new Director who was retired from the Ministry of Education due to his unsatisfactory record there ; and

(d) what are the proposed Director's qualifications in the field of Tibetan culture and history ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SO