

Fertiliser Promotion Council as such has not been formed. However, a Fertiliser Promotion Cell has been created in the Agriculture Ministry headed by a Commissioner for Fertiliser Promotion. A Centrally sponsored Scheme for promoting scientific use of fertiliser envisaging intensive demonstration, training and extension programmes, with a strengthened organisation at State and District levels, is under consideration.

#### Universities in India

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

(a) the total number of Universities in India State-wise;

(b) the total grants given by University Grants Commission to the each University during 1971-72 and whether ever any control has been exercised regarding its proper usages; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to open some more faculties in Patna University and whether any such proposal is pending before University Grants Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) A statement showing the number of Universities and Institutions deemed to be universities (State-wise) is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1478/72*]

(b) A statement indicating the grants paid to universities and Institutions during 1971-72 (upto 10th March 1972) is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1478/72*]. As for exercise of control regarding proper use of grants, the grantee institutions are required to sub-

mit audit accounts and utilisation certificates duly certified by the statutory auditors to the effect that the grant has been utilised for the purpose for which it is sanctioned.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the University Grants Commission.

#### Rules for Admission to the Nursing Homes in Delhi's Hospitals

725. SHRI R. P. YADAV :

SHRI MD. JAMILURRAHMAN :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of rooms in Nursing Homes in Willingdon Hospital and other Hospitals in Delhi,

(b) whether persons drawing less than Rs. 620 as pay cannot get admission in the Nursing Ward of Willingdon Hospital despite the patients' readiness to pay extra rental charges; and

(c) if so, the nature of proposal under Government's consideration to amend the rules in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT) : (a) The number of rooms in Nursing Homes in Willingdon and G. B. Pant Hospitals, New Delhi, is as follows :

Willingdon Hospital : 61 rooms

G. B. Pant Hospital : There are 38 rooms in the Nursing Home and of these 27 have been commissioned.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences : 60 rooms in private ward.

There is no Nursing Home in Safdarjang Hospital, Kalavati Saran Children's Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Hospital and Hospitals under Delhi Municipal Corporation and New Delhi Municipal Committee. Information regarding other Hospitals in Delhi is not available.

(b) According to the existing rules, persons with monthly income/pay (inclusive of Dearness pay) over Rs. 620/- are only eligible for admission to the Nursing Home of Willingdon Hospital. However, exceptions are made and such facilities are extended to those C. G. H. S. beneficiaries whose monthly income is upto Rs. 620/- subject to the recovery of diet charges and room rent.

(c) The Government of India do not have any proposal under consideration to amend the rules in this regard.

#### Falling Standard of Education in Universities

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the standard of education is falling in all the Universities in general and Bhagalpur and Ranchi Universities in particular; and

(b) if so, what concrete steps are being contemplated to tone up the standard of education in all the Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) There is no way of judging whether objectively standards are falling in our Universities. In fact in many of the subjects in some of Universities at least, the standards have considerably risen as compared to the

earlier period. However, as observed by the Education Commission (1964-66), over a large area of education, the content and quality are inadequate for our present needs and future requirements and compare unfavourably with the average standards in other educationally advanced countries. Similar concern has been expressed by the University Grants Commission also.

No study has been made in respect of Bhagalpur and Ranchi Universities which would indicate whether standards are falling in Bhagalpur and Ranchi Universities

(b) The University Grants Commission, within the limited resources available with it has been making earnest efforts to improve the quality and content of higher education in accordance with its statutory responsibility. Some of the important Programmes undertaken by the Commission in this regard are given below:

- (1) Development of libraries, laboratories and teaching and research facilities in universities;
- (2) Centres of Advanced Study;
- (3) Summer Institutes, Seminars, etc;
- (4) Modernisation of syllabii;
- (5) Examination reform;
- (6) Development of affiliated colleges;
- (7) Scholarships and Fellowships;
- (8) Travel grants to teachers and scholars;
- (9) Utilisation of the services of retired teachers;
- (10) Construction of hostels and staff quarters;
- (11) Student Welfare Programmes like student-aid-fund, student homes, provision of text-books, improvement of hostels, improvement/develop-