

(b) If so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) No, Sir. It is for the Universities to institute such courses of study as they deem necessary within the framework of their Acts and Statutes.

(b) Does not arise.

Request from Punjab Government for Assistance for constructing Strategic Roads

2831 SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Punjab Government has asked for Central assistance for constructing strategic roads in the State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Centre in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA) : (a) and (b). Strategic Roads works, assessed to cost about Rs. 23 crores, with hundred per cent grants-in-aid from Central Government, are already under various stages of processing and construction. No fresh demand has been received.

Assistance for Wholesale Markets in Bihar State

2832. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bihar Government is considering to develop wholesale markets in the State; and

(b) if so, the financial assistance asked for from the Centre and the reaction of the Centre in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI

ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE) (a) and (b) : The Bihar Government formulated and sent to the Government of India a project for the development of 50 selected regulated markets in the State for assistance from the IDA (International Development Association, an affiliate of the World Bank). At the instance of the GOI the Project was appraised by the IDA and sanctioned for an assistance of the order of US \$14 million (Rs. 10.16 crores). The Project which is now under implementation includes some financial assistance from Government of India also.

Under a Central Sector scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture for the development of regulated markets financial assistance may be available to markets Committee, of a few selected regulated markets in Bihar, among other States, to enable them to draw institutional finance for the development of the markets.

National Policy on adult Education

2833. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA :

SHRI ARVIND NETAM :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to evolve a national policy on adult education; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. S. RAMA SWAMY) : (a) and (b). The policy to be adopted in regard to Adult Education is already included in the "National Policy on Education". However, Government are considering the question of making it more comprehensive particularly to take into account the needs of the youth in the age-group 15-25. This will be considered by the Central Advisory Board of Education at its next meeting.