

(c) The Government of India have issued strict instructions to the Dispensaries that the Doctors must reach the Dispensary in time. Surprise inspections are also conducted by the Director, C.G.H.S., every day to ensure that the Doctors are punctual.

#### **Control Price of Sugar in Cities**

41. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the control price of sugar in villages is higher than prevailing in the cities; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) From October, 1972, controlled sugar is being sold at a uniform price throughout the country.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Decline in Standard of Technical Education**

42. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been decline in the standard of technical education in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the drawbacks?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) to (c). No, Sir. In fact, the standards are being raised through various programmes like curriculum development, in-service training of teachers

including practical experience in-service training of teachers including practical experience in industry, sandwich courses, postgraduate courses and research etc.

#### **National Commission for production of Science Books**

43. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a National Commission for Production of Science Books;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the financial implications involved therein?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) to (c). Shri U. S. Mohan Rao was requested by the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare to undertake survey of the publishing and printing facilities available in India for the production of books on science and technology and to examine the need for setting up a science printing press. He in his report, among others, has suggested setting up of a "Science and Technology Literature Foundation" which will deal with planning and programming of publications of books in higher science, medicine and technology, institution of a regular consultancy and information service for authors, publishers, printers and consumers and also for production and publication of selected manuscripts including specially commissioned manuscripts and those which private publishers for any reason, are unable to handle.

The report is under examination of the Government and financial implications have not yet been worked out.