

State Government and it will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it is received.

Cancellation of International Dairy Congress

60. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to cancel the International Dairy Congress to be held in New Delhi in December, 1974;

(b) the actual expenditure incurred on the Dairy Congress till the end of October 15, 1974; and

(c) the reasons for the abrupt cancellation of the Congress?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Information relating to expenditure upto 15th October, 1974 is not available. However, upto 30-9-74 an expenditure of Rs. 13,08,219.81 was incurred in connection with the Dairy Congress.

(c) Does not arise.

Appointment of Lecturers by Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Board

61. SHRI JHARKHANDE RAI:

SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR:

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

(a) whether the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Board, which is running two colleges in Delhi has appointed Arts and science lecturers without the prior approval of the Delhi University; and

(b) if so, whether any steps were taken to see that the college authorities do not violate the rules of Delhi University?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, some ad-hoc appointments of teachers were made by S. G. T. B. Khalsa College run by the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Board, without consulting the concerned Heads of Departments of the University. The Principal of the College was informed that ad-hoc appointments should be made with the concurrence of Heads of Departments as their recommendations are placed before the Executive Council for granting recognition to teachers. No definite reply has so far been received. The University is, however, in correspondence with the college.

Statement of External Affairs Minister in U.S.A. on food shortage

62. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY: SHRI BIREN ENGTI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the then Indian External Affairs Minister told the Press in America that there had been not one death in India because of famine and that the shortage of food was only five per cent;

(b) whether his Ministry has urgently appealed to the Soviet Union for four million tonnes of wheat; and

(c) whether the statement of the then Foreign Minister accords with the SOS to the Soviet Union and distress reports from various States through official and non-official channels about extreme scarcity and large number of starvation deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNA-SAHAB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c) While commenting upon the news of large scale starvation deaths in India, the then Minister of External Affairs

had clarified to the American Press that although the shortage of foodgrains in India was comparatively small in percentage, but it amounted to a substantial quantity because of large population in the country. There have been scarcity conditions in some parts of the country due to drought and floods and certain quantities of foodgrains are being imported to maintain the public distribution system at a reasonable level. No request has been made to the Government of U.S.S.R. for four million tonnes of wheat.

Discontentment among students due to increased Mess charges and prices of text books

63. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noticed a sense of unrest and discontent among the students in the various Universities of the country, as a result of increase in Mess charges and the prices of text books/exercise books;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken or propose to take any steps for subsidising of the foodgrains for Hostels and the production of cheaper text books/exercise books; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) to (c). The Government are seized of the difficulties of the student community regarding the price of text books/exercise books and mess charges in the hostels. The Ministry of Industrial Development have allocated 1,20,000 tonnes of

white printing paper at a reasonable price for the educational sector during this year and already allocations of about 70,000 tonnes of white paper have been made on the advice of the Ministry of Education, for the period June to December, 1974 to all States, Union Territories and the universities.

The Ministry of Agriculture have also issued instructions to all State Governments and Union Territories to ensure supplies of foodgrains to Hostels through the Public Distribution System.

Separate Archaeological Circle in Karnataka

64. SHRI G. V. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has sanctioned a separate Archaeological Circle for the preservation and maintenance of ancient monuments in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b). A new Circle named as Mid-southern Circle with headquarter at Bangalore comprising the whole of Karnataka except the north-eastern Districts viz., Raichur, Gulbarga and Bidar is to be created during 1975-76.

निम्नलिखितप्रश्न तथा जालिख प्रश्नान्तरों के लिये नये वेतन-मानों का कार्यान्वयन

65. श्री रामावतार शाल्त्री :

श्री हनुमद कव्वाशय :

क्या शिक्षण, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :