(b) if so, the period, by which the course is proposed to be curtailed?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Hamayun Kabir): (a) On the recommendations of the All-India Council for Technical Education, the final and pre-final year courses have been accelerated wherever possible by reducing the vacations and holding the examinations earlier. There is, however, no reduction in the actual duration of the degree courses.

(b) Due to the acceleration of the courses, graduates will pass out three to four months earlier.

Welfare of Scheduled Tribes

150. Shri P. Kunhan: Shri Imbichibava:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress so far made in implementing the centrally sponsored schemes at Attappadi for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes; and
- (b) the expenditure incurred so far in this connection?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) One Tribal Development Block has been started at Attappadi during 1962-63. The progress made in this Block is shown in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1393/63].

(b) Rs. 1.38 lakhs.

Selection for Tokyo Games

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Olympic Association has agreed to scale down the standard for the Tokyo selections; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

General Education Programme

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the General Education Programme introduced in 1956-57 by his Ministry on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission has not yet been implemented in several universities:
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the names of universities which have not yet implemented the programme?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimati): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Education and Emergency

Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri Vishwanath Pandey:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri D. J. Naik:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have written to the State Government to restore the cuts made in their education budgets as a result of the emergency; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of the State Governments?