

**Higher Secondary Education**

- \*751. { Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:  
 Shri Balkrishna Wasnik:  
 Shri D. D. Mantri:  
 Shri Gulshan:  
 Shri Buta Singh:  
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:  
 Dr. L. M. Singhvi:  
 Shri Warior:  
 Shri Harish Chandra  
 Mathur:  
 Shri Bade:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether higher secondary education has proved a failure;
- (b) whether Government propose to strengthen the high school system; and
- (c) the opinion of the State Education Secretaries' conference held at Delhi in the last week of June, 1963?

**The Minister in charge Ministry of Education (Shri Hamayun Kabir:**

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Government have continually under review measures for improving and strengthening education at the high school and other levels.
- (c) The Conference did not express any opinion on the pattern of secondary education.

**Administrative Reforms**

- \*752. { Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:  
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:  
 Shrimati Shashank Manjari:  
 Shri P. C. Borooah:  
 Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
 Shri Harish Chandra  
 Mathur:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a high powered Commission to suggest administrative reforms in the Government;
- (b) if so, the terms of reference of the Commission; and

(c) whether this Commission will suggest administrative reforms in State Governments also?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hajarnavis):** (a) to (c). No precise proposals have yet been formulated. Before a final decision can be taken further consideration is necessary.

**Oil Pipe Lines**

- \*753. { Shri Indrajit Gupta:  
 Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an American firm—Messrs. Bechtel (Asia) Corporation—has been engaged for supervising construction work of the Haldia-Barauni and Gauhati-Siliguri oil pipe lines;
- (b) if so, the fees chargeable by this firm; and
- (c) whether supervisory engineers are not available in the country to do this work?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel**

**(Shri Alagesan):** (a) M/s. Bechtel (Asia) Corporation have been appointed as engineer-manager for the Gauhati-Siliguri pipeline. A proposal to appoint Bechtel Corporation as Manager of construction for the Haldia-Barauni-Kanpur Pipeline is under examination.

(b) As regards the Gauhati-Siliguri pipeline, the fees payable to this firm are as follows:

	Rs. in lakhs
(i) fee for technical services rendered in U.S.A.	11.45
(ii) fee for technical services rendered in India	12.87
(iii) re-imbursable expenses according to actual expenditure incurred in India but subject to a ceiling of Rs. 7.31 lakhs.	