

Universities was considered at the State Education Ministers' Conference held in November, 1963. The Conference agreed that the age of entry into the Universities and comparable institutions should generally be 17+ and in no case less than 16 +

Standard of University Education

*511. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee set up by the University Grants Commission to undertake a systematic and objective investigation of the standard of University education has since submitted its report, either preliminary or final; and

(b) if so, the main suggestions and recommendations of the Committee?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

कुशीनगर में बुद्ध का स्तूप

*५१२. { श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय :
श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :
श्री श्यामलाल सराफ :
श्री सिद्धनंजप्पा :
श्री वी० चं० शर्मा :
श्री विश्वनाथ राय :
श्री कपूर सिंह :
श्री बालकृष्ण वासनिक :

क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुशीनगर (कसया), जिला देवरिया, उत्तर प्रदेश में भगवान बुद्ध के 'परिनिर्वाण स्तूप' का ऊपरी भाग ४ अक्टूबर, १९६३ को दोपहर को एकाएक धराशायी हो गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या स्तूप का निचला भाग भी खतरनाक स्थिति में है और स्तूप की सुरक्षा के लिये सरकार का क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (श्री मु० क० छागला) :
(क) जी हां, ४ अक्टूबर, १९६३ को बिल्कुल सवेरे ।

(ख) डहने के निम्नलिखित कारण थे :—

(i) निचली भूमि में पानी का बढ़ जाना जिसकी वजह से स्तूप में भरी हुई मिट्टी गीली होकर भारी हो गयी, जिसके बढ़े हुए परिमाण ने चारों ओर दीवार पर अनुचित दबाव डाला और आखिरकार दीवार टूट गयी ;

(ii) डहने के पहले छः दिन की लगातार वर्षा ।

(ग) स्तूप के दक्षिण पूर्वी चतुर्थांश के बिल्कुल निचले हिस्से में एक स्थान पर उभार है । इमारत के बाकी के हिस्से को गिराने का सुझाव है जिससे स्तूप की रचना फिर से वैसी हो हो सके जैसी गिरने से पहले थी ।

Correspondence Course of Delhi University

*513. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 624 on the 11th September, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the University of Delhi has since considered the matter regarding the extension of correspondence course to the Indian emigrants; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The University did not favour the extension of Correspondence Courses to the Indian emigrants.

Students for Vocational Courses

*514. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 50 on the 14th August, 1963 and state the progress so far made by the Committee appointed to examine the role of education in relation to employment opportunities?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): The first meeting of the Committee on Education in relation to Employment Opportunities was held on 11th October, 1963, at which the procedure of work to be adopted by the Committee was broadly discussed.

I.A.S. Officers

*515. { **Shri P. Kunhan:**
Shri Sudhansu Das:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri B. N. Kureel:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of I.A.S. Officers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the shortage?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hajarnavis):

(a) Yes. At present there is a gap of 296 officers in a total cadre strength of 2,278.

(b) The rate of recruitment from the annual competitive examinations has been stepped up.

Pakistanis in Assam

*516. { **Shri Swell:**
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shrimati Shashank Manjari:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Pakistani nationals in Assam who formerly admitted themselves to be of Pakistan nationality have now retracted their former statements; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hajarnavis):

(a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is available.

New Drug for Blood Pressure

*517. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigations for the assessment of the therapeutic value of the new drug for blood pressure discovered at the Indian Institute for Bio-chemistry and Experimental Medicine in Calcutta have been completed;

(b) if not, the time to be taken to complete the same; and

(c) the steps taken for its early release for sale?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Laboratory assessment of therapeutic value of the drug on animals is nearing completion but clinical trials have yet to be conducted.

(b) It is difficult to envisage the time that will be taken.

(c) Steps can be taken only after successful completion of clinical trials.

National Research Development Corporation of India

*518. { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**
Shri D. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Research Development Corporation of India