

Shri Bishanchander Seth;
 Shri B. P. Yadava;
 Shri Daji;
 Shri Abdul Ghanj Goni;
 Shri Gopal Datt Mengi;
 Shri Swell;

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council for Secondary Education held on the 28th and 29th October, 1963 to secure a uniform pattern of education throughout the country and to give secondary education a technical bias; and

(b) Government's reaction thereto and the decisions taken by the Council at its said meeting?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran): (a) Recommendations made by the Council on the subjects in question are enclosed in the statement laid on the Table of the Sabha. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-2169/63*].

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Drug Research Laboratories at Jammu and Srinagar

*653. { Shri D. C. Sharma;
 Shri Sham Lal Saraf:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state.

(a) whether it has been decided to take over the Jammu and Kashmir State Government's drug research laboratories at Jammu and Srinagar along with their drug farms; and

(b) if so, how they are proposed to be run?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) and (b). A proposal is under consideration of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research to take over

the following farms and processing factories attached thereto which are at present under the control of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir:

(i) Farm at Chakrohi (Jammu);

(ii) Five farms at Srinagar;

(iii) Processing factory at Jammu and

(iv) Processing factory at Srinagar;

The future working of the farms & the factories is also under consideration.

Institute of Rural Higher Education at Sriniketan

*654. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 687 on the 27th November, 1963 and state:

(a) whether there is any intention on the part of Visvabharati University authorities to reopen the Institute of Rural Higher Education at Sriniketan;

(b) if so, when it is likely to function again; and

(c) if not, the reasons for such a decision?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). Consequent upon the closure and subsequent dissolution of the Institute of Rural Higher Education, Sriniketan, with effect from the 31st August, 1963, a new academic department under the name "Palli Siksha Sadana" has been started at Visva-Bharati with effect from 1st September, 1963. The "Sadana" is for the present having a three-year degree course in Social Sciences and a three-year diploma course in Agricultural Science.

(c) Does not arise.