

Sangeet Natak Akademi

175. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether prosecution launched against some officials of Sangeet Natak Akademi have been completed; and

(b) if so, the number of persons prosecuted and sentenced?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The case is still continuing in the Court.

Scholarships for S. C. & S. T. Students of U.P.

176. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned as scholarships for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students for 1963-64 for U.P.; and

(b) whether this amount is less than that which was sanctioned in 1962-63?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) A sum of Rs. 35,52,400 has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Education to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the award of scholarships to Scheduled Caste students. The State Government's additional requirements of funds, if any, will be met by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

There are no Scheduled Tribes in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

Coal Reserves of Assam

177. **Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimated coal reserves of Assam, the State as a whole, would come to

about two thousand million tons; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take towards the exploitation of these deposits?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) The present coal production in the State is of the order of 0.8 million tonnes. The main problem in regard to expansion of coal production in Assam is to find an adequate offtake for all the coal produced in that State. Keeping the above factor in view, the question of further development of production in Assam coalfields is presently under examination in the context of the 4th Plan target for coal.

Qualifications of University Teachers

178. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that there has been an attempt on the part of the executive Government to lay down the requisite qualifications for University teachers in any State;

(b) if so, whether the university or the universities concerned have taken any exception to this and if so, with what result; and

(c) the attitude of the Central Government and the University Grants Commission in this matter?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Uttar Pradesh have laid down qualifications for the post of Lecturers and Readers in the faculties of Arts, Science, Commerce and Law in the Universities of Allahabad and Lucknow.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Vice-Chancellor of Allahabad University wrote to the State Education Minister requesting the withdrawal of the Government order. In so far as the Lucknow University is concerned, the matter is