

(c) if so, how far his visit helped India in the sphere of music?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir. Two Soviet Composers visited India under the programme;

(b) The first Composer visited Agra, Lucknow, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Santiniketan and Varanasi. The second Composer visited Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi Jaipur and Varanasi. They did not deliver any lectures

(c) It probably helped Indian musicians get better acquainted with Soviet music.

Basic Secondary Education

844. { Shri Subodh Hansda;
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the idea of Basic education upto Secondary or Higher Secondary stage has been abandoned;

(b) if so, the States which have shown any keenness to open such institutes;

(c) the names of the States which have advanced in this regard; and

(d) the response of the students for study in these institutes?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir—but it is under consideration.

(b) It varies from State to State.

(c) Gujarat.

(d) No study to find this response has been made.

Fertiliser Factory in West Bengal

845. { Shri Subodh Hansda;
Shri S. C. Samanta;
Shri Sudhansu Das;
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and

Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a conflict of opinions regarding the selection of place for setting up a fertiliser factory in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the names of the places which are under consideration; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The following proposals are being considered in regard to the development of the fertiliser industry in this region:—

(i) Location of a new factory at either Durgapur (West Bengal) or Haldia (West Bengal) or Barauni (Bihar); and

(ii) Expansion of the Sindri Fertiliser Factory.

(c). A comparative evaluation of the above proposals made by the Fertilizer Corporation of India is under examination by Government.

Vivekananda University

846. { Shri Subodh Hansda;
Shri M. L. Dwivedi;
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme submitted by the Ramakrishna Mission through the Government of West Bengal for establishment of the Vivekananda University has been considered by the Central Government;

(b) if so, whether any financial aid will be given; and

(c) the total amount asked for, for that purpose?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir. It was considered by the University Grants Commission in December 1963 but they did