

Women in I.A.S.

391. **Shrimati Laxmi Bai:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of woman candidates appointed in Indian Administrative Service since 1960; and

(b) the total number of such women in the service at present?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) 10.

(b) 25.

Study of Price Trend of Text Books

392. { **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**
Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training has undertaken a study of price trend of text books in the country;

(b) if so, the progress of the study; and

(c) whether the scheme will remove the evil of constant changing and replacement of text books?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhakt Darshan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The study has been completed in respect of Delhi and the report is under preparation. A study is also proposed to be undertaken in some other States.

(c) It is not possible to anticipate the results of the study.

Indo-U.S. Institutes of Science

393. { **Shri Bishanchander Seth;**
Shri B. P. Yadava;
Shri Dhaon:

Will the Minister of Education be

pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India and the U.S. Government are proposing to have 44 Indo-U.S. Institutes of Science soon in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhakt Darshan): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2336/64].

Class VIII Students of Delhi

394. **Shri D. D. Mantri:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to grant exemption from Board Examinations in Delhi for Class VIII students of some schools; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhakt Darshan): (a) and (b). There is no Board Examination for Class VIII students; therefore, the rest of the question does not arise.

The Directorate of Education, Delhi, has in consultation with the Corporation authorities introduced a common departmental examination for Class VIII this year for uniformity and improvement of standards. As the departmental examination is for the present limited to Mathematics, English, Hindi and Urdu, exemptions have been given to schools teaching through other media and those teaching through English medium from primary classes onwards.

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