

Family Allowance to Communist Detenus in Kerala

10. Shri A. K. Gopalan: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Communist Detenus in Kerala Jails went on hunger-strike during August, 1965;

(b) if so, what were their demands;

(c) whether any assurances like liberalisation of parole and reconsideration of family allowances were given to them; and

(d) if so, the number of detenus granted parole facilities and the number of those granted family allowance thereafter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Minister of Defence Supplies in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands were as follows:

- (i) either the unconditional release or trial before courts of law of the Left Communist detenus to prove the charges levelled against them;
- (ii) adequate allowance to the families of detenus to enable them to live in reasonable comfort, with a minimum of Rs. 100 p.m.;
- (iii) liberal parole facilities for detenus;
- (iv) better medical facilities, including treatment by specialists, for the detenus;
- (v) treatment of all detenus as class I prisoners;
- (vi) urgent measures to improve the deteriorating food situation in the State; and
- (vii) better attention to the needs of the State.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 35 detenus have been granted parole. 27 detenus have been granted family allowance afresh and in the case of 9 detenus it has been enhanced.

Three Year University Course

11. Shri Krishna Deo Tripathi: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the progress, if any, made in regard to the introduction of three-year Degree Course in the Universities in Maharashtra and U.P.; and

(b) whether Government propose to stop the grants awarded by the University Grants Commission to the Universities which do not adopt the three-year degree course?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): The information is introducing the three-year degree course in the State Universities of U.P. is under consideration of the U.P. Government.

The University of Bombay proposes to adopt the three-year degree course after intermediate for honours students.

(b) No, Sir.

Grants to Universities in U.P.

12. Shri Krishna Deo Tripathi: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the details of various grants given to the Universities and Colleges of U.P. by the University Grants Commission for scientific education together with (i) the name of the University/College, (ii) amount of grant, and (iii) the specific purpose for which the grant had been sanctioned during the Third Five Year Plan period so far?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.