

of various Engineering Trades and fixing the lower age limit at 15 years instead of 16 years for admission of trainees under the Craftsmen Training Scheme have since been accepted by the Government of India and communicated to the State Governments for implementation with effect from the session commencing from 1st August, 1966. The recommendation relating to the enhancement of the rate and coverage of stipend under the Craftsmen Training Scheme is, however, still under consideration.

(b) No. The Council, however, felt that physically handicapped persons with specific physical disabilities could become good workers in certain trades. Accordingly the State Governments have been asked to admit the orthopaedically handicapped persons in the I.T.Is. in certain trades depending upon the nature of the handicap.

(c) The training expenses per trainee vary according to the size of the Institute, scales of pay admissible under the State rules, type of trade, period of training etc. etc. According to the norms approved for the different items of expenditure, the training expenses, however, work out to a maximum of Rs. 78.10 per trainee per month. The above figure of Rs. 78.10 represents only the recurring expenses per trainee per month and does not cover the expenditure of non-recurring nature such as an account of provision of buildings, tools and equipment, furniture etc. etc. which cannot be worked-out per trainee. The expenditure both on recurring and non-recurring is shareable between the Central Government and State Governments in the ratio of 60:40 and in the case of union territories the entire expenditure is borne by the Central Government.

(d) Information is not available.

Indian Telephone Industries' Export Plan

933. Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Telephone Industries Ltd., Bangalore have made any export plan in order to earn foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, the amount of foreign exchange expected to be earned during the Fourth Five Year Plan?

The Minister of State in the Department of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri Jaganatha Rao): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) During the first two years of the Fourth Five Year Plan period i.e., in 1966-67 and 1967-68, approximately Rs. 158 lakhs worth of foreign exchange is expected to be earned by the Indian Telephone Industries Limited from exports. Further earning of foreign exchange by the Company from exports will depend upon the supply and demand.

Teenagers to U.S.A.

934. Shri Savitri Nigam: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 768 on the 31st August, 1966 and state:

(a) whether teenagers are being invited by U.S.A. every year;

(b) the facilities which are being given to these students;

(c) the programmes in which these teenagers are participating; and

(d) whether there is a similar scheme for visit to U.S.S.R.?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran): (a) Yes, Madam. Teenagers in the age group 16-18 are invited by a private organisation in U.S.A.—The American Field Service International Scholarships Organisation, New York.

(b) Boarding and lodging with American families, (2) Pocket money, (3) Travel facilities to and from New York in the U.S.A. and (4) passage cost from and to India.

(c) Attendance in public schools for about one year; and three weeks