

Manipur Government is being requested to expedite action.

Post-Graduate Classes in D. M. College, Manipur

2207. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government D. M. College of Manipur has opened Post-Graduate classes in all the arts subjects ;

(b) if not, in how many subjects the classes have been opened ;

(c) whether the classes are run by one teacher or more and in how many subjects there is only one teacher ; and

(d) if run by only one teacher for a subject, the reasons for not appointing more teachers in the interest of the taught and the subject ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) Not so far, Sir.

(b) Three subjects, namely, Economics, History and Mathematics.

(c) One teacher each in Economics and History and four teachers in Mathematics.

(d) The Manipur Administration have already taken necessary steps to recruit more teachers as indicated below :

(i) For the post-graduate classes in History, offers of appointments were made to two more teachers ; one has accepted the offer and is likely to join soon, while the other has not joined. Regarding Economics, the post of a Senior Lecturer has been advertised by the Union Public Service Commission. The Commission have recommended one candidate for appointment as Junior Lecturer and he has accepted the appointment.

(ii) The question of engaging part-time Lecturers, until the posts are filled up, is also under the consideration of the Manipur Administration.

Grants to Private Colleges of Manipur

2208. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Manipur have not sanctioned grants to a number of private Colleges of Manipur, resulting in the non-payment of pay of the teachers for a number of months ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in giving the grant ;

(c) the number of private colleges affected by this financial difficulty ; and

(d) whether Government propose to give help to tide over the difficulties ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to Manipur Administration, the concerned Colleges do not fulfil the conditions laid down in the Grants-in-aid Rules.

(c) Eight Colleges.

(d) The matter is under urgent consideration.

Pushpak Aircrafts

2209. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pushpak Trainer Aircrafts with different Flying Clubs in India have been grounded since the middle of January ;

(b) whether the above action was taken at the instance of the Director-General of Civil Aviation ;

(c) whether this directive had to be issued following reports of fatigue cracks being found in some planes ;

(d) whether the possibility of the above defects arising out of faulty workmanship on the parts of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited which manufactured the above aircrafts, has been ascertained ; and

(e) whether any precautions have been taken to ensure that other types of aircrafts manufactured by the above firm, for example 'AVRO 748' now in use with the