

Levy on Industry for Financing Technical Education

2624. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seminar on the report of the Education Commission organised by the Congress of Cultural Freedom and the Indian Committee for Cultural Freedom held at Delhi in September, 1966 have recommended a 2 per cent levy on industry to raise funds for financing technical education; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Education Commission which considered the question was of the view that such legislation would not be needed in the early stages and that the industry should be encouraged and assisted to develop training facilities on a voluntary basis. The recommendation is now under examination.

Central Advisory Board of Education

2625. **Shri Bagri:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1090 on the 3rd August, 1966 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the comments of the State Governments on the recommendations made by Central Advisory Board of Education in its session held in October, 1965; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir. Reports of the action taken by the State Governments on the recommendations of the Central Adviso-

ry Board of Education have been received from all but two States and three Union Territories.

(b) The State Governments and Union Territories are striving to implement the recommendations to the extent their resources permit.

Financial Aid to Rajasthan for Village Sports

2626. **Shri Bagri:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri Dighe:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1049 on the 3rd August, 1966 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken on the request of the Rajasthan Government for financial aid for the implementation of their scheme to encourage sports in villages; and

(b) if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhakt Darsan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Before the end of the financial year at the latest.

U.S. Loan for Technical Institutes

2627. **Shri Bagri:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 325 on the 27th July, 1966 and state the progress made so far in the negotiations for a loan from the Government of U.S.A. to meet the requirements of technical Institutes in respect of procurement of equipment manufactured in that country?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur): No progress has been made so far.