

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO) : (a) to (c). The matter is under consideration.

#### Centre-State relations

997. SHRI D. C. SHARMA : will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Prime Minister had held any talks with the State Chief Ministers on the 18th and 19th April, 1969 on Centre-State relations ;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve Centre-State relations in the larger interests of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). The Prime Minister had not discussed the subject of Centre State Relations as such in her informal talks with the State Chief Ministers on 18th April, 1969. There was also no discussion on Centre-State relations as such at the meeting of the National Development Council held on 19th April, 1969.

(c) As has been made repeatedly clear, the Government of India, on their part, believe in a policy of cooperation towards all State Governments. We hope that it will be possible to settle any questions which may arise in future by mutual discussion between the Central Government and the State Governments.

#### Setting up of International Institute of Tamil Studies at Madras

997I. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :  
SHRI S. KANDAPPAN :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO has agreed to assist the Government of India in the setting up of an International Institute of Tamil Studies at Madras ;

(b) whether the Centre has had consultation with the Government of Tamil Nadu for following up the idea ; and

(c) if so, the stage at which the matter stands at present ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO) : (a) The International Association of Tamil Research, Madras, proposes to set up an International Institute of Tamil Studies at Madras, with participation from UNESCO and interested member countries. The 15th General Conference of UNESCO held in Paris in October-November 1968, passed a resolution *inter alia* authorising the Director-General of UNESCO to undertake "the study and investigation of means likely to promote the creation of an Institute of Tamil Studies at Madras, India." The International Association of Tamil Research, Madras, Anticipates that during the six years 1969-1974, UNESCO will give the Institute \$115,000 in the form of fellowships, expert services and equipment. Recently UNESCO has agreed to give for the project a grant of \$8000 and one fellowship for training abroad under its programme of participation in the activities of Member States during 1969-1970. No other commitment of any kind has been made by UNESCO.

(b) and (c). The Government of India have not had any consultation with the Tamil Nadu Government on this project. The Secretary of the Managing Committee, International Institute of Tamil Studies, has suggested recently that the rupee expenditure, both recurring and non-recurring, may be shared by the Government of Tamil Nadu and the Government of India. No financial commitment has been made by the Government of India ; nor have any proposals been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu so far.

#### Ransacking of Guest House of Barauni Fertilizer Factory

9972. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether about 1,000 persons ransacked the Guest House of the Barauni