

A case u/s 392/397 IPC and u/s 25 Indian Arms Act has been registered in this connection by the local police. The case is under investigation. 18 persons have been arrested so far during the investigation.

Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Universities

1806. SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem arising from a large increase in the number of students thronging the universities was discussed at a recent meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of Universities; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO): (a) and (b). The Conference discussed 'Enrolment in relation to manpower needs' and recommended:

- (i) The courses should be diversified at various levels of higher education to meet the developmental needs in professional subjects and provision made for vocational training leading to a degree;
- (ii) The recruitment of personnel should be at different stages and levels of qualifications instead of after obtaining a University degree and provision made for on-the-job training after selection; and
- (iii) There should be provision for short-term employment oriented courses for producing middle level technicians.

Assessment of Standard of Teaching and Research in Universities

1807. SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission appointed in 1959 a Reviewing Committee for Mathematics

and Statistics to broadly survey and assess the standard of teaching and research in the universities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Committee recommended model syllabi for undergraduate and postgraduate courses, stressing the need for review and revision every five years;

(c) whether the Committee recommended the setting up of the centres of research in mathematics at the Punjab, Delhi, Madras, Calcutta and Allahabad Universities and there were other recommendations also made;

(d) whether all the recommendations have been implemented fully and if so, where these have been implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION & YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V.R.K.V. RAO):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). The recommendations made by the Review Committee have been brought to the notice of the Universities for implementation to the extent possible. The University Grants Commission has established centres of Advanced Study in Mathematics in the Universities of Punjab, Madras, Bombay and Calcutta.

Recruitment of Scheduled Tribes to Indian Forests Service

1808. SHRI KARTIK ORAON: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1968, all candidates recruited against the reserved quota of Scheduled Tribes to Indian Forest Service, belonged to Assam State; and

(b) if so, the names of such persons and the districts to which they belong?