

to take to absorb these instructors of National Fitness Corps ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) to (c). Consequent to the decision of the Government to decentralise the Scheme of National Fitness Corps to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, Government has been endeavouring to arrange the absorption of the NDS Instructors in the States as well as Union Territory Administrations. The terms and conditions on which these Instructors are to be taken over by the States and Union Territory Administrations are under discussion.

Scientists' Exchange Programme between India and Hungary

2976. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Scientists' exchange programme was finalised between India and Hungary for the period November, 1968 to November, 1969; and

(b) if so, the progress so far made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT—2267/69*]

Reservation of seats in Engineering Institutions for Students from Rural Areas

2977. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand for reservation of seats for students from rural areas in the Engineering institutions; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) No such demand has been received for the reservation of seats for students from rural areas in engineering institutions.

(b) Does not arise.

Downward Trend of Internal Tourism at Hill Stations

2978. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether internal tourism is showing a downward trend in the country because of inefficient administration of local authorities in Simla, Nainital, Darjeeling, Mussorie and Srinagar in the matter of providing cheap accommodation, reasonable porter charges, good food within the reach of an average tourist and internal city transport service;

(b) whether the hoteliers charge exorbitant rates at these hill stations and the tourists are badly harassed at their hands;

(c) whether local municipalities have failed to provide for shops to sell food at these places; and

(d) whether Government propose to intervene and help in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) to (d). The information asked for by the Hon'ble Member is not readily available as statistics for internal tourism are not maintained by the Government of India, this being primarily the responsibility of the States concerned.

Return of Indian Scientists working in U.S.A.

2979. SHRIMATI SUDHA V. REDDY :
SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :
SHRI R. K. BIRLA :

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

(a) the number of Indian Scientists working in U.S.A. at present;

(b) whether Government are taking any steps to make the service conditions in this country attractive enough to entice them to come back; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) No precise information is available.

(b) and (c). Government is trying to provide whatever facilities are possible to Indian Scientists residing abroad so that their services could be utilised in the country.

Some of the steps taking are given below:

- (i) The University Grants Commission has under consideration a Scheme for visiting fellowships/visiting professorships with a view to inviting distinguished scholars/scientists of India who are at present working/settled abroad.
- (ii) CSIR has sent an enquiry to the leading Indian Scientists abroad to ascertain the type of assistance and facilities they would require.
- (iii) A Statement showing the steps taken to facilitate the return of Indian Scientists and Engineers from abroad and to encourage them to work and stay in the country is attached.

Statement

The following steps have been taken to facilitate return to scientific and technical personnel to India:

- (i) Creation of a Scientists' Pool to provide for temporary placement of well-qualified Indian scientists and technologists returning from abroad.
- (ii) Creation of supernumerary posts in approved scientific institutions to which temporary appointments can be made quickly from among the scientists working and studying abroad.
- (iii) The Union Public Service Commission and most of the State Public Service Commissions have agreed to treat Indian scientists and technologists whose particulars appear in National Register as 'Personal Contact' candidates for all posts advertised by them. The Union Public Service Commission have also made arrangements for interviewing Indian scientists and technologists abroad for posts in India.
- (iv) Maintenance of a Special Section of the National Register of Scientific and Technical Personnel for

enrolment of Indian scientists and technologists abroad and for the circulation of their names to all Ministries, Departments of the Government of India, State Governments, Union and State Public Service Commissions, Universities, Public Sector Industries and large private sector establishments. The names of such personnel are published in the monthly Technical Manpower Bulletin (C. S. I. R.) which is distributed free to about 3000 organisations all over India.

- (v) Provision for payment of travel grant to scientists, who, on their selection for appointment in research institutions in India, undertake to serve those institutions for a minimum period of three years.

Explorations and Excavations by Archaeological Survey of India

2980. SHRIMATI SUDHA V. REDDY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of places where explorations and excavations were undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India during the last two years;
- (b) whether some activities were also undertaken in Mysore State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRIMATI JAHANARA JAIPAL SINGH) : (a) The names of the places where excavations and explorations were undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India during the last two years is given in the attached statement.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During 1967-68, explorations were conducted in District Dharwar and Kolar Districts, and during 1968-69 in Districts of Mysore, North and South Kanara. Besides, small-excavations were carried out at Budhitittu, in District Mysore and Hunur in District Belgaum during 1968-69.

At Budhitittu, remains of the Neolithic period were found. At Hunur, new type