

service in their respective fields in the film industry.

(c) The position is being ascertained and to the extent permissible under the law, the information will be placed on the Table of the House.

**International Yogashram Centre,
New Delhi**

6631. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government recognise the International Yogashram Centre (Near Pant Marg), New Delhi and is connected institution in this country ;

(b) its constitution, object and date of registration ;

(c) the financial assistance and facilities given under different heads by different Ministries since its inception ; and

(d) the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN): (a) The New Delhi Centre of the Vishwayatan Yogashram, Pant Marg, New Delhi, which is also known as the International Centre of the Yogashram, and its Teachers' Training Centre at Katra Vaishnavi Devi in Jammu and Kashmir are recognised by the Government for purposes of financial assistance for the promotion of Yoga.

(b) The Yogashram is a registered body under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, having been registered on 1st March, 1958. Its objects are :—

- (i) to promote and provide for the study and teaching of the science of Yoga in its manifold aspects ;
- (ii) to under-take and facilitate practical courses and training of instructors as well as fundamental research in the

field of Yoga and its application to the well being and uplift of humanity ;

(iii) to establish, conduct and manage institutions devoted to the cause of Yoga in different parts of India as well as in foreign countries.

(c) and (d). The Ministry of Education and Youth Services have so far given grants amounting to Rs. 6,23,947/- to the Yogashram during the financial years 1957-58 to 1969-70 for the promotion of Yogic activities and teachers' training programme.

A piece of land, measuring about 1866 acres near Gole Post Office, has been allotted by the Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development to the Yogashram at concessional rates as admissible to educational institutions.

Information about financial assistance, if any, given to the Yogashram by other Ministries/Departments is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

**Attendance at Writers' Building by Officer
of Home Department of West Bengal**

6632. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all responsible officers of the Department of Home of the Government of West Bengal attended Writers' Building Office in Calcutta on the 17th March, 1970 ;

(b) if not, the names and designations of such Officers ; and

(c) what were the causes of their non-attendance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). Most of the Officers could not attend Writers' Building Office because of the total stoppage of transport facilities due to hartal on 17th March, 1970.