

World Economic Science Conference

977. SHRI HEM BARUA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India participated in the World Economic Science Conference held in June, 1970 in the U.S.S.R. ;

(b) whether any institutions were directly invited to participate ; and

(c) if so, the names of such institutions and the names of the representatives who attended the said Conference ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir. It is presumed that the reference here is to the International Symposium of National Economy Modelling held at NOVOSIBIRSK, USSR, in June, 1970.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) It was attended by Dr. P. N. Mathur, Director, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics Poona. He was the only person from India who was invited to the Conference.

Proscription of Liberation

978. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration has proscribed the January issue of *Liberation*, a monthly organ of the All India Co-ordination Committee of the Communist Revolutionaries ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). The Delhi Administration has made an order under section 99A, Criminal Procedure Code, forfeiting all copies of the January, 1970 issue of the "Liberation", as it was found to contain matter which is seditious in character and is punishable under section 124-A I. P. C.

Development of Karwar and Mangalore Ports

979. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any provision has been made for the development of Karwar and Mangalore Ports of Mysore State in the Fourth Plan ;

(b) if so, what are the details ; and

(c) whether Government propose to declare any of these ports as major port ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). The executive responsibility for the development of ports other than Major Ports vests with the State Governments concerned. The Government of India however renders technical assistance to the State Governments in such matters wherever required and also provides financial assistance in the form of long term loans for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The Government of Mysore have been requested to send their proposals in respect of Karwar Port. These are still awaited. As regards Mangalore Government have already sanctioned the construction of a major port estimated to cost Rs. 24.30 crores. Work is already in progress.

(c) Mangalore in Mysore State would be declared a major port after completion.

Grant of Statehood to Himachal Pradesh

980. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the action taken by Government on the assurance given in the Lok Sabha for granting State-hood to Himachal Pradesh ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister and Members of Parliament from Himachal Pradesh have been demanding the Statehood for Himachal Pradesh and, if so what action Government have taken in the matter ; and

(c) whether any Bill will be introduced in the present Session of Lok Sabha on the subject ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, AND MINISTER OF STATE, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c). Government has decided to grant Statehood to Himachal Pradesh. A Bill to give effect to that deci-