

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a uniform Dearness Allowance and a pension scheme for Secondary School Teachers in West Bengal, on par with the fourth grade Government servants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and;

(c) when the decision is likely to be taken ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI A.K. KISKU): (a) to (c). The required information is being collected from the Government of West Bengal and will be laid on the table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

Aid to Orisa for Flood Relief Work

4206. SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the statement on the flood situation in the country laid on the Table of the House on the 9th November, 1970 and state :

(a) the amount of relief aid proposed to be given to Orissa this year; and

(b) whether any long term remedial measures are contemplated and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No request for Central assistance towards flood relief expenditure during the current financial year has so far been received from the Government of Orissa.

(b) The Government of Orissa have reported that a Master Plan for flood control schemes in the state has been prepared. These schemes include the raising and strengthening of embankments, river training works and measures to protect the banks from scouring.

Employees of Manipur State Transport kept suspended for a long time

4208. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that a large number of employees in the Manipur State Transport have been kept suspended for a long time;

(b) if so, the number of employees suspended for more than a year and for more than six months;

(c) the reasons for keeping the suspension for a long time;

(d) steps taken to finally dispose of the suspension cases; and

(e) whether it is a fact that re-appointment has already been made to all the posts held by the suspended employees ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected from the Government of Manipur and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha, when received.

Maintenance of Buses plying on National Highway No. 39

4209. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have enquired into the complaints that the Manipur State Transport has not properly maintained the buses plying on National Highway No. 39 and buses breakdown on the way causing inconvenience to the passengers; and

(b) if not, the steps taken by the Government of Manipur to look into the maintenance of the buses ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected from the Government of Manipur and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha, when received.