

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER):

(a) Proposal to set up a Special Commission to do detailed research on Lord Krishna from all aspects including history and geography is not under consideration.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Pay Scales for Teachers

*301. SHRI MUHIRAM SAIKIA:
SHRI C. JANGA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether new pay scales, for school teachers of all Union Territories including Government aided schools and organisations like Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan etc. were announced on 12 August, 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these tally with the recommendations made in this regard by the Chattopadhyaya Commission;

(d) if not, whether the recommendations of the Chattopadhyaya Commission are proposed to be implemented fully; and

(e) if so, when these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER):


(a) to (e). The Government issued orders on 12.8.87 revising the pay scales of school teachers in the employment of Union Territories and Autonomous Bodies set up by the Central Government like Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Central Tibetan Schools Administration, effective from 1.1.1986. The details of the new pay scales are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7039/88]

2. The National Commission on Teachers - I (NCT - I) has not recommended any

specific pay scale for different categories of school teachers. NCT - I had recommended an illustrative model of a composite running pay scale for all categories of teachers and educational administrators, starting from Rs. 500/- and going up to Rs. 3950/-. The Commission had also recommended minimum benefit of Rs. 100/- and Rs. 150/- p.m. for secondary and primary school teachers respectively.

3. The recommendations of NCT - I were considered by an Empowered Committee constituted by the Ministry. In the light of the recommendations of the NCT - I, the report of the IV Central Pay Commission as also the postulates of the National Policy on Education, the Government revised the pay scales of school teachers on 12.8.1987. The Government has not favoured a single running scale as it would not be in the best interests of maintaining the educational standards and may act as a disincentive to teachers acquiring higher qualifications.

Holidays Observed by Educational Institutions

*302. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: 
the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of public holidays, including Saturdays or Sundays, observed by the educational system in India during an academic year;

(b) the average duration of long vacation observed by the educational system during a year;

(c) the average number of actual teaching days in schools, colleges and universities in the country during the academic year; and

(d) whether Government propose to issue any guidelines in this regard to the State Governments and educational authorities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER):

(a) to (d). The number of holidays to be ob-

served by the educational Institutions is decided by the respective State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, and University authorities, keeping in view factors including *inter-alia* the local climatic conditions, social and cultural requirements and minimum number of actual days of effective teaching considered essential. Detailed information in respect of holidays being observed by the educational institutions throughout the country is neither available nor feasible to collect. On an average, however, the vacation intervals in educational institutions in India aggregate to about 11 weeks in a year which are not too long considering the diverse climatic and other local conditions. In the guidelines issued by them, the National Council of educational Research and Training, the University Grants Commission and the All India Council for Technical Education have recommended around 200 days of effective teaching in an academic year which compare favourably with the number of teaching days observed by the educational institutions in other countries.

Dredgers of Cochin Port Trust

*303. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the loss to Cochin Port Trust due to the sinking of the dredger Mattanchery;

(b) the steps taken to salvage the dredger;

(c) whether the dredger 'Bolgatti' was repaired recently;

(d) if so, whether it is in working condition or can be made operational;

(e) whether the Mercantile Marine Surveyor has questioned the safety of many of the vessels of Cochin Port Trust; and

(f) if so, the names of those vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The book value of the

dredger when it sank was Rs. 244.8 lakhs. the loss can be ascertained after the dredger has been salvaged.

(b) Global tenders for the salvage of the dredger have been invited by the Port Trust.

(c) and (d). The dredger 'Bolgatti' was repaired recently and is engaged in dredging at the Port.

(e) and (f). The Mercantile Marine Surveyor has pointed out that some of the certificates of the following vessels are not up-to-date:-

(1) Motor Tug Bristow

(2) Dredger Bolghatty

(3) Fire Fighting Vessel Bahadur

(4) Motor Tug Kodungallur

(5) Motor Tug Cochin-II

(6) Motor Tug Shaktan

(7) Floating Crane Periyar.

Evaluation of Teacher Performance

*304. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether over the past few years teachers have been given better pay and allowances and a number of other incentives;

(b) if so, whether any criteria has been laid down to evaluate their work performance also; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER):

(a) Yes, Sir. The pay scales of teachers in Universities and Colleges throughout the country have been improved from time to time with financial assistance provided by the Central Government/U.G.C. At the school level, the pay scales of teachers in