

## LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday August 16, 1976/Sravana 25,  
1898 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Cultural Pact with North Korea

\*81. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a cultural pact with North Korea has been concluded recently; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) and (b). A Cultural Agreement with the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was signed on 2nd July, 1976. It envisages cooperation in the fields of art, literature, culture, education, science, sports, public health, mass media of the press, information and education. A copy of the Agreement is available in the Parliament Library.

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श्री यमुना प्रसाद मंडल : एजुकेशन के बारे में क्या कुछ बता सकते हैं। किस तरह का प्राय एक्सचेंज चाहते हैं? वहाँ के स्कालर यहाँ आएँ और वहाँ लोगों को वे बुलाएँ।

श्री डी० पी० यादव : जब एक्सचूटिव प्रोग्राम तय होगा तब इन सारे डिटेल्स में जाएँगे।

#### Plan for improving Higher Education System

\*82. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state.

whether any ambitious plan has been proposed by the Ministry to improve the higher education system in the country; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha

#### Statement

Within the allocation indicated by the Planning Commission for the University Grants Commission for taking up programmes of improvement of higher education, the University Grants Commission has identified several programmes. The identification of these programmes and their implementation are based on the following considerations:—

1. Consolidation, strengthening and proper orientation of the existing departments of the univer-