

proposals are being examined by the Civil Aviation Department.

**Post of Education Officer in Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

199. SHRI JAGANNATHRAO  
JOSHI :  
SHRI HUKAM CHAND  
KACHWAI :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the period for which a suitable incumbent for the post of Education Officer Andamaa and Nicobar Islands could not be found between March, 1966 to March, 1969 ;

(b) the names, designations and pay scales of the Officer who were asked to look after the duties of the Education Officers between the said period ; and

(c) the period between which such arrangements were made and the date when a regular incumbent was recruited ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY) : (a) From 6th December, 1966 to 20th August, 1968.

(b) and (c). Shri R. Narayana, Cottage Industries Officer, in the scale of Rs. 400-900. was holding the additional charge of the post of Education Officer during this period.

Shri S. N. Kalla was appointed as a regular incumbent from 20th August, 1968.

**Grant of Fellowships for Writing Books**

200. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme has been approved by the University Grants Commission for grant of fellowships for writing books on science, humanities, social sciences, technology and other subjects for undergraduate and post-graduate studies ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY) : (a) and (b). To supplement the efforts that are being made by the Government of India for

production and translation of university-level books in Regional Languages in collaboration with the State Governments, the Government of India have from the current financial year initiated a Scheme to award 100 Fellowships, each of the value of Rs. 500/- per month plus an annual contingent grant of Rs. 2,000 to enable a proportion of outstanding students in Science, Humanities and Social Science subjects, after their Master's degree, to associate themselves with distinguished university teachers for purposes of undertaking writing of quality books at the university-level. The essential purpose of the Scheme is to bring out quality books, monographs and translations which could be used by a number of universities and colleges in the country either as text books or reference books and to develop a pool of young competent scholars actively interested in indigenous preparation of quality books in the country. The books could be written in English or in any of the Indian languages. The Scheme is being implemented through the agency of the University Grants Commission.

This year the University Grants Commission has selected 46 topics in Sciences and 28 topics in Humanities and Social Science subjects. The writing of books will be undertaken by the Fellows under the direct supervision of selected experienced university teachers who have been authorised to appoint Fellows and proceed with the work.

**पटना सिटी का दर्जा बढ़ाया जाना**

201. श्री रामावलतार शास्त्री : क्या वित्त मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार की राजधानी पटना, श्रेणी बी-2 सिटी घोषित किए जाने के लिए, प्रत्येक शर्त पूरी करता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि पटना का दर्जा बढ़ाए जाने का प्रश्न पिछले कई वर्षों से सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ग) यदि हां तो इस सम्बन्ध में निर्णय लेने में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) सरकार पटना की श्रेणी बी-2 सिटी कब तक घोषित करेगी ?