

assistance upto Rs. 4,000 per annum. The selections are made by a Committee of the University Grants Commission.

Assistance is initially limited to a period of three years and may be extended for two years at a time upto the age of 68 and in exceptional cases it may be extended beyond 68.

The teachers are required to participate in teaching/seminar work for at least six hours per week, in addition to their own research work.

(c) Since the inception of the scheme, 280 awards have been made. At present 173 retired teachers are working under the scheme.

Education in U.P.

*1392. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Uttar Pradesh State is comparatively backward in Education;

(b) if so, whether a scheme is being prepared by the Central Government for bringing it to the level of other States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Education (Dr. Triguna Sen): (a) The development of primary education in general and of girls' education at all stages in Uttar Pradesh is much below the average for all the States.

(b) No, Sir. The Central and the Centrally-sponsored schemes of the Ministry of Education are meant for all States and in implementing them, preference is given to all backward States, including Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise.

Appointment of Civil Servants as Governors

*1393. **Shri Samar Guha:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the basic considerations for

the selection of Civil Servants as Governors of States after their retirement?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Y. B. Chavan): In making appointment to the high office of Governor, the main consideration is the suitability of an individual.

Survey on the Employment position of Engineering Graduates

*1394. **Shri D. N. Patodia:** Will the Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Comprehensive country-wide survey on the employment position of the Engineering Graduates and diploma-holders has been undertaken by Government;

(b) if so, when the said survey is likely to be completed and the purpose for which it was undertaken; and

(c) whether any interim measures have been devised by Government to better the employment opportunities to the Engineering Graduates and other Engineers?

The Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation (Shri Hathi): (a) to (c). A scheme for such a survey has been prepared and the first phase covering the alumni of Roorkee University has recently been launched.

The first phase of the survey at Roorkee is expected to provide the basis for any modifications that may be required in regard to the design, and the questionnaire for the survey. It is, therefore, not possible at this stage to indicate precisely, the date by which the results of the all-India Survey would be available. The main purpose of the survey is to provide factual data regarding the employment conditions of engineers which would assist in the planning of engineering education;