

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) This is largely correct.

(b) To promote tourism in South Asia on a regional basis, a Ministers level Conference of countries of the South Asian Travel Commission (SATC) of the IUOTO was held at New Delhi in March 1969 at the initiative of India. The Conference was attended by representatives of Afghanistan, Ceylon, India, Iran, the Mongolian Peoples Republic and Nepal. Pakistan did not attend. A number of resolutions aiming at joint promotional efforts in the Region were passed.

Views of Lord Todd on Indian Scientists and C.S.I.R.

*944. SHRI BABURAO PATEL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report in which Lord Todd, a Nobel Prize winning British Chemist, said in Bombay on the 14th January, 1970, that the great abilities of many scientists and technologists were being wasted in India for lack of proper leadership, and, if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether Government would consider requesting Lord Todd to give a blue print for the working of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research; and

(c) if so, when and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) Government have seen the press interview given by Lord Todd at Bombay. The views attributed were presumably his personal views, but they have been taken note of.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A Committee of Inquiry under the Chairmanship of Justice Shri

A. K. Sarkar is already looking into the overall functioning of the CSIR and to suggest ways and means of improvement.

Facilities to Indian Tourists going to Soviet Union

*945. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Soviet Union has offered to provide greater facilities to the Indian tourists visiting the Soviet Union;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are thinking in terms of providing similar facilities to tourists from the Soviet Union?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) Government are not aware of any such offer.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Agrarian Unrest

*946. SHRI R. K. BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has recently undertaken a study on the causes and nature of current agrarian tensions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the above study it has been shown that the country is facing a disturbing situation in the villages which may cause an explosion if the growing disparity among the rural people is not tackled effectively;

(c) what are the other main features of the study; and

(d) what action is being taken by different Ministries in the matter on the basis of the study undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) A paper entitled

"The Causes and Nature of Current Agrarian Tensions" was prepared in the Research and Policy Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Copies of the paper in its form are available in the Parliament Library. The paper dealt with—

- (i) the pattern of Indian agriculture;
- (ii) the different aspects of land policy and agrarian reforms, and the areas where they have lagged behind intentions and requirements; and
- (iii) the nature of agitations traceable to the existence of discontent or deprivation in the agricultural sector.

(d) The measures suggested in the paper relate to the speedy implementation of land reforms and other land laws in States and Union Territories. The matter has been taken up with them by the Ministry of Food & Agriculture which deals with land reforms. The Home Minister also drew the attention of the Administrators and Chief Ministers of Union Territories to the importance of speedy implementation of land reforms and other land laws. Proposals for revision of ceiling and other recommendations of Chief Minister's Conference on land Reforms convened by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture are under consideration in the Union Territories of Manipur, Tripura, Delhi and Dadra and Nagar Haveli. The State Governments and Union Territories concerned would take appropriate steps in this regard consistent with local circumstances. Land being a subject in the State List, the Central Government's function is to advise and urge the States to take action and that has been done.

**लाल बहादुर शास्त्री राष्ट्रीय संस्कृत विद्यापीठ,
दिल्ली द्वारा अनुदानों का दुर्बिनियोग**

*947. श्री शिव कुमार शास्त्री : क्या शिक्षा तथा युवक सेवा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) लाल बहादुर शास्त्री राष्ट्रीय संस्कृत विद्यापीठ, दिल्ली को इस की स्थापना से लेकर अब तक वर्ष-वार सरकार द्वारा कितना अनुदान दिया गया है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि विद्यापीठ के लेखों की लेखापरीक्षा के समय इस बात का पता लगा है कि सरकार द्वारा दिये गये अनुदानों के दुर्बिनियोग को छिपाने के लिए दो प्रकार के बही खाते अर्थात् एक असली तथा दूसरा नकली बनाये गये हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार का विचार उक्त विद्यापीठ के लेखों की नियंत्रक तथा महालेखा परीक्षक द्वारा लेखापरीक्षा कराने का और आगे अनुदान न देने अथवा उस संस्था को अपने हाथ में लेने का है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शिक्षा तथा युवक सेवा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भक्त बर्षान) : (क) विद्यापीठ की स्थापना से लेकर अब तक उसे निम्नलिखित अनुदान दिए गए हैं :—

1967-68—4.15 लाख रुपये

1968-69—4.75 लाख रुपये

1969-70—5.25 लाख रुपये

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) और (घ). नियंत्रक तथा महालेखा-परीक्षक ने विद्यापीठ के 1967-68 के खातों की पहले ही विशेष लेखा परीक्षा कर ली है और सम्मति के आधार पर भविष्य में भी उसके खातों की परीक्षा करने के लिए सहमत हो गए हैं । निधि के समुचित उपयोग को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए एक वारिण्ट लेखा-एवं-वित्त अधिकारी की भी नियुक्ति की गई है । क्योंकि संस्था को 1967-68 में शिक्षा तथा युवक सेवा मंत्रालय के अधीन एक स्वायत्त संगठन के रूप में लिया गया था, अनुदान बन्द करने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।