

of spying. As the case is under investigation, it will not be in the public interest to disclose details.

Collection of Donation by Private Colleges

*441. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the reports that special and class fees and forced donations have been collected by private colleges in the country at the time of admission ;

(b) whether he is also aware of the fact that the Madras University has set up a Committee to make a probe into this ;

(c) which are the other places in the country which have taken to this practice ; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to stop this practice ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some private Engineering and Medical Colleges are known to be offering seats to students against donations or capitation fees.

(b) Madras University has set up a Committee to prescribe uniform tuition fees and special fees in all private colleges affiliated to the University. The Committee will also consider collection of donations by these colleges. According to the information available, no engineering or medical college in Tamil Nadu is collecting donation or capitation fees.

(c) All the Engineering colleges which are collecting donations are located in Mysore State ; the Medical Colleges are in Mysore, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.

(d) As for Engineering Colleges, the Central Government has offered financial assistance to these colleges, if they came under the discipline of the State Grant-in-aid Code. Two such colleges have agreed to do so.

As for medical colleges, the Conference on Medical Education has recommended that admissions should be on merit and the Central and State Governments examine the economics of the colleges with a view to taking them over. The Central Government is considering the recommendation.

Permission to use book in Examinations

*442. SHRI HEM BARUA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Universities have introduced examinations with books ; and

(b) if so, whether the impact of this innovation has been gauged and examinations without invigilators have been proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) and (b). According to the available information Jodhpur University has under consideration a proposal to permit the examinees to consult books in the examination hall. It is not possible to say at this stage what the impact of the proposed measure will be.

This Government is not aware of any proposal regarding holding of examinations without invigilators.

Request by Punjab Government for review of Union Government's decision *Re.* transfer of Fazilka

*443. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Punjab Government have requested the Union Government to review their decision on Fazilka areas which have been awarded to Haryana ;

(b) whether the Punjab Government have received a large number of memoranda from the people of these areas desiring to remain with Punjab ;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ; and

(d) the decision taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No such request has been received.

(b) Government have no information,

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