

Special allowance to the staff of NEHI posted in North-Eastern States

2560. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG
Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teaching staff and officials of the North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) are paid special allowance when posted in the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, what is the amount thereof;

(c) whether the said allowance is also paid to the staff and officials of the NEHU hailing from that Region; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) The Central Government had decided in December, 1983, to sanction a Special (Duty Allowance of 25 per cent of the basic pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 400/- per month to those posted in the North-Eastern Region, whose recruitment and promotion are made on an All-India basis. This allowance is, however, not payable to the employees who are exempt from payment of income-tax. On this analogy, the UGC has decided to sanction a similar Special (Duty) Allowance to teachers appointed by the University from States other than those in the North-Eastern Region.

(c) and (d) As this Allowance is not admissible to officials locally recruited in the Central Government offices in the North-Eastern Region, the non-teaching employees of the University have not been sanctioned this benefit.

Publication by the Taraqui-e-Urdu Board

2561. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:
Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of titles and books published till date by the Taraqui-e-Urdu Board, a Bureau for promotion of Urdu;

(b) the number of titles under preparation;

(c) what is the total number of staff at the Bureau; and

(d) what is the annual budget, the annual grants and expenditure of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The Bureau for Promotion of Urdu has prepared and published 510 books in Urdu in various disciplines including books prepared for agencies like National Council of Educational Research and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu, Anjuman Taraqui Urdu ! (Hindi) etc.

(b) About 515 titles are under various stages of preparation.

(c) At present, the Bureau has 52 staff members working in various capacities.

(d) The total plan and non-plan budget provision made for the current financial year to meet expenditure on establishment and programmes of the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu is Rs. 56.50 lakhs. The total expenditure of the Bureau the last 3 years is as follows:—

(in lakhs)

1982-83 26.07

1983-84 3.2

1984-85 -30

Percentage of food adulteration in Delhi

2562. SHRIMATI USHA.

MALHOTRA:

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI;

SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

SHRI ROSHAN LAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey was conducted in the year 1984-85 to find out the percentage of food adulteration in Delhi; and

(b) whether the food adulteration is highest in the semi-urban areas of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Preven-

tion of Food Adulteration Department.. Delhi Administration did not conduct any survey in the years 1984 and 1985, till date.

(b) Although no survey was conducted by the PFA Department, but in the years, 124 samples were lifted from semi-urban areas out of which 101 conformed to the standards, and 23 did not conform to the standards. This reveals that percentage of adulteration from semi-urban areas, i.e., 18.6 per cent, is slightly lower than the adulteration percentage of the samples lifted from urban areas, which is 18.8 per cent.

Introduction of the subject Consequences of War' in High Schools

2563. SHRI ADINARAYANA
REDDY: SHRIMATI
SUSHILA ROHATGI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has drawn to the decision of the Governing Council of the International physicists for the prevention of Nuclear war recommending all the Governments in the world to introduce in the educational curricula 'The Consequences of the war' particularly nuclear war; and

(b) whether Government propose to introduce the subject in educational curricula from the High School level?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (3) and (b) School Education is primary the responsibility of the State Governments and is mostly after by them. It is for the State Governments to formulate and prescribe the curriculum, syllabus and textbooks etc. at the school stage. At the national level, National Council of Educational Research and Training's Curriculum for the secondary stage has already introduced the Study of World Problems including disarmament and Human Rights, Under this unit efforts have been made to develop in young students, an understanding of the consequences of the arms

race in nuclear weapons which can lead to annihilation of the entire world. The effects of the nuclear arms race on economic and social development have also been explained to the students.

The NCERT books are available to-the States for adaption|adoption.

Export of frog legs helping Malaria

2564. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to-state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the heading "Export of frog legs helping Malaria" published in the *Indian Express* of 28th July, 1985; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the remedial measures being proposed on the basis of the findings of the noted scientist Dr. G.M. Oza?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The Government has seen the news item. There are a number of predators mostly invertebrates, such as water-beetle, dragon fly, water boat-man etc, which are commonly prevalent in the breeding site of mosquitoes. There are two groups of vertebrates who devour mosquito lar/ae viz. small fish and frogs. The young one of frog known as tad-poles are carnivorous and devour mosquito larvae so long they remain in water. Once they become terrestrial, their role in destruction of mosquitoes becomes minimal. The tad-poles are not eaten by human.

Opening of C.G.H.S. dispensaries on Sunday

2565. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to keep the C.G.H.S. dispensaries open on the Sundays and close them on any other working day in the week enabling the Government employees to avail the holiday for medical consultation?