

and May 1983, these new trades have not yet been created; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the likely date by which these new trades will be created?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal is under active consideration of the Government and is likely to be finalised soon.

Allegations of partiality by the AAO in the grant of increments

2481. SHRI LAXMI NARAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in some cases increments have been granted by the CDA and in others it has been denied by AAO (CDA) Delhi Cantt. to those civilians class III defence employees who acquired engineering degree during service in the Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering and The All India EME Drawing Staff Association has brought this matter to the Defence Minister and the CGDA, R. K. Puram, New Delhi a number of times since 1981;

(b) the reasons for which these cases have not yet been finalised and for not taking any action against such malpractice of AAO Delhi Cantt; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) A representation dated 22nd September, 1984 was submitted to the then Raksha Rajya Mantri by the All India EME Drawing Staff Association, New Delhi. The full facts of the case are being ascertained and a reply will be laid on the Table of the House.

Dropouts rate amongst ST children in N.E. States

2482. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drop-outs rate amongst children belonging to Scheduled Tribes is

very high at the primary school level in Meghalaya and other States in the North-Eastern Region.

(b) whether the Central Government have provided additional assistance to those States to reduce the drop-outs rate; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The position regarding drop-out rate among students from scheduled tribes and general population at primary stage in respect of Meghalaya and other States/UTs in the North-Eastern Region, as in 1978-79, is as under:—

♦Information relates to 1977-78.

Drop out rates for (percentage)

	Scheduled Tribes	General Population
1. Assam	82.5	74.5
2. Manipur	84.9	82.7
3. Meghalaya	75.5*	75.1*
4. Nagaland	62.5	68.2
5. Tripura	83.2	68.0
6. Arunachal Pradesh	81.9	78.2
7. Mizoram	65.0	58.7

(b) and (c) Among the States in the North-Eastern Region, Assam which is one of the nine educationally backward States, is receiving Central assistance for opening of non-formal education centres on (1) 50:50 sharing basis for NFE centres opened by the State Government for the children (both boys and girls in the age-group 9—14 and (2) on 90:10 sharing basis for centres meant exclusively for girls. Voluntary agencies in the State receive 100 per cent assistance for running such centres. Assistance for appointment of women teachers in primary schools is also given to the State on 80:20 sharing basis.