

### Derecognition of Indian Degrees by Nigeria

574. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are aware that the Government of Nigeria have derecognised the degrees awarded by some Indian Universities except Delhi University;

(b) if so, the reasons advanced by that Government for taking such a decision; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) According to the information received from Indian High Commission in Lagos, the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Education has stated that all Indian Universities included in the Handbook of Universities of India, are recognised by the Federal Ministry of Education and that all Indian Universities are treated alike without exception.

### Curriculum at secondary stage

575. SHRI B. D. KHOBRAGADE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council of Educational Research and Training has conducted a comparative study of curriculum load at Secondary stage in Delhi, Maharashtra, Haryana and Kerala.

(b) whether the study group has expressed the opinion that the curriculum load is very heavy;

(c) if so, what are the recommendations of the study group to reduce the work-load; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take on the report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, NCERT conducted an exploratory study on a small sample. The study has revealed that the curriculum load is not 'heavy' in any subject in any of the States concerned in terms of difficulty level, length of the course content and, time allocation.

Mimeographed copies of the Report have been circulated to the States by NCERT. It will be entirely for the respective State Governments to take such action as deemed appropriate.

### Centenary celebration of Dr. Rajendra Prasad

576. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to celebrate Centenary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India, which falls in 1984; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

### Closure of technical schools under Directorate of Technical Education, Delhi

577. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that technical schools under the Directorate of Technical Education, Delhi are being closed; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that some posts of Assistant Director/Deputy Director of Technical Education were created on the basis of increase in work due to the strength of these schools; and