

### Problems faced by Artisan Tribals

\*494. DR. PHANINDRA NATH:  
SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that artisan tribals are facing difficulties in earning their livelihood due to the development of modern science and technology; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to protect the interest of the tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI-MATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) The Ministry of Education have not received any complaint from tribal artisans that they are facing difficulties in earning their livelihood due to the development of modern science and technology.

(b) Question does not arise.

**Shifting of Office of the Eastern Railway Service Commission from Calcutta to Danapur**

\*495. SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY:  
SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to shift the office of the Eastern Railway Service Commission from Calcutta to Danapur; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The Railway Service Commission at Calcutta was formerly catering for the recruitment of Eastern and South

Locomotive Works. As this arrangement entailed coverage for a very wide area, a separate Railway Service Commission has been established at Danapur to cater to the needs of recruitment of Group 'C' staff for the Eastern Railway and Chittaranjan Locomotive Works. The existing Railway Service Commission at Calcutta will continue to make recruitment to Group 'C' staff for the South Eastern Railway.

### "Open Schools" System

\*496. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:  
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced the "Open Schools" scheme in the country;

(b) if so, at which places are such schools functioning; and

(c) what are the courses provided in these schools and how many persons are being benefited from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI-MATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) The Central Board of Secondary Education has set up an 'Open School' at New Delhi.

(c) The Open School of the Central Board of Secondary Education is at present offering Secondary level courses. Registration to its courses is still in progress and it is not possible to indicate at this stage the number of the students being benefited from it.

### UGC Pay-scales for Librarians and Directors of Physical Education

\*497. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state: