

Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology

1913. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the office of Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) has been separated from Central Hindi Directorate (CHD);

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the CSTT was a separate organization upto 1971 and what are the reasons for its merger thereafter;

(c) whether it is a fact that the CSTT was separated from CHD in 1964 also when these two offices were one; and

(d) what amount of expenditure so far spent on separation and remerger of these two offices and what are the reasons for the repeated process of bifurcation and merger?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology functioned as an independent organization with a separate office of its own from 1st October, 1965 to 4th August, 1971. The Commission was, however, merged with the Central Hindi Directorate w.e.f. 5th August, 1971.

There has been no additional expenditure in merging and separating the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology and the Central Hindi Directorate, because, at the time of setting up the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology on 21st December 1960, it was *inter alia* stipulated that the staff employed in the Central Hindi Directorate in connection with the terminological work, will be placed at the disposal of the Commission, to enable it to discharge its functions. The merger and bifurcation of these two bodies has been necessitated in the interest of functional efficiency.

Checking the growth rate of population

1914. SHRI HARVENDAR SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any massive population education programme has been launched by Government to enlighten the people about the importance of controlling the growth rate of population;

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines of the programme;

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted in the matter; and

(d) what is the reaction of State Governments and also their financial involvement in the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) The Ministry of Education has launched the National Population Education Programme from April, 1980.

(b) The programme aims at introducing population education in the formal system of education. It will be implemented by the States with assistance from the Ministry of Education and technical guidance from the NCERT. The State Governments will be responsible for:

(i) development of population education curriculum suited to various stages of school and teacher education;

(ii) development of instructional materials for students and teachers in the regional languages; and

(iii) organising orientation and training programme for teachers and other functionaries in the department of education.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Ten States/Union Territories have joined the programme in the first year and another nine States will join the programme in the next year.