

been taken to take up the execution of the following works to provide protection against erosion to areas affected by sea erosion in South Kanara District of Karnataka State: —

- (1) Work of providing protection wall against erosion by sea at Shashihitlu village in Bangalore Taluka in two reaches.
- (2) Work of providing protection walls against erosion by sea in Padu and Malur near Kaup (near Koppalangadi, fisheries road) in Udipi Taluk.
- (3) Work of providing protection walls against erosion by sea at Padu and Malur (northern side of Koppalangadi, fisheries road) in Udipi Taluk.

The Government of Karnataka has provided a sum of Rs. 25 lakhs in its budget for the current financial year for providing anti-sea-erosion works in Dakshina Kannada district.

The Government of Karnataka has also taken up the work of identification of the sea erosion sites and collection of necessary data for conducting systematic studies both in the field and in the laboratory to tackle the sea erosion problem on a permanent footing.

Associate Membership Examination of the Institution of Engineers (India)

1827. SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recognised a pass in Sections 'A' and 'B*' of the Associate Membership Examination of the Institution of Engineers (India) at par with a Bachelor's degree in the appropriate field of Engineering from an Indian University for purposes of recruitment to superior posts and services under the Central Government;

(b) if so, what are the details of the relevant notification issued by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that private companies particularly the multinationals refuse to recognise the Associate Membership Examination of the Institution of Engineers (India) as equivalent to the Bachelor's Degree of an Indian University?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government notification regarding recognition accorded to Associate Membership (Sections 'A' and 'B') Examination of the Institution of Engineers (India) is reproduced in the Annexure. [See Appendix CXVI. Annexure No. 114.]

(c) The recognition of the Central Government is for purposes of recruitment to the posts and services under the Central Government and hence the issue of recognition by other agencies does not arise.

Abandonment of National Adult Education Programme in the Sixth Plan Period

1828. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to give up the National Adult Education Programme in the Sixth Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Committee to Process Kothari Committee's Recommendations on National Adult Education Programme

1829. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a departmental committee was appointed to process Kothari Committee's recommendations on NAEP;