

'basic' grants (which include development grants for purchase of books and journals) during 1979-80 to the universities against the likely Sixth Plan allocations. The Commission is at present examining the possibility of sanctioning such grants during 1980-81.

(b) The quantum of grants to universities for purchase of books and journals is not determined on the basis of the support required by the book industry. There have, however, been representations from the publishers for enhancement of the allocations for higher education in the Sixth Plan so that the demand for Indian books by university libraries is not adversely affected. No specific instance of any set-back in equipping university libraries has come to Govt's notice.

(c) The precise impact of the import of certain categories of books under open general licence on indigenous publishing has not been assessed. However, the limits prescribed for import of books under the open general licence is reviewed and modified from time to time.

Demand for a Central School at Bhagalpur

1396. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to open a Central School at Bhagalpur; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government are aware that Bhagalpur University Syndicate has decided to donate 10 acres of land for the said school?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Development of radio telephone system

1397. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the development of the radio-telephone system for civil purposes in the country;

(b) if so; what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) A network of multi channel and single channel radio telephone systems for civil purposes all over the country exists at present and there will be large development of the same in the course of next few years. The development programme will include installation of the following types:—

(i) wideband radio relay systems of large capacity;

(ii) narrowband radio relay systems of medium capacity; and

(iii) ultra high frequency radio systems and very high frequency radio systems of small capacity.

(c) Does not arise.

Payment of P.F. dues to the retired teachers

1398. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the teachers who retired from the Lucknow Deaf and Dumb School in 1978 have not yet been paid their Provident Fund dues;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking in this regard for expediting the payment of their dues?