

Irregularities in National Book Trust

1017. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN
ARIF:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Book Trust Staff Union has drawn Government's attention regarding some specific irregularities committed in the National Book Trust; and

(b) what is the account of offcuts from the Norwegian paper that the National Book Trust supplied to its printers during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):
(a) The N. B. T. India Employees' Association had drawn the attention of the Government to some specific irregularities in the Trust.

(b) Since January 1977, the Trust has supplied 1291 reams, 195 sheets of Norwegian paper to ten Presses for various jobs. The account of offcuts have been received from all the Presses except one, and which have since completed the jobs entrusted to them and from which offcuts were expected. One press is still printing a book entrusted to it.

Creation of a New Post of Chief Engineer

1018. SHRI BALRAM DAS:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to create a new post of Chief Engineer, Horticulture, in view of the fact that the Directorate of Horticulture has at present one Director and as many as seven Deputy Directors; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to recruit a Chief Engineer

through the UPSC and also to prescribe suitable academic and other qualifications for the post in order to recruit a really competent person?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b) The work-load and staff requirements of the Directorate of Horticulture are under review. The question of creation of a post of Chief Engineer (Horticulture) and the mode and qualifications for recruitment to the same will depend on the outcome of the review and the final decision of Government in the matter.

Postal and other facilities to the residents of Mehrauli-Badarpur road quarters

1019. SHRI SAWAISINGH
SISODIA:
SHRI LAKHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the postal facilities, such as opening of post offices and installation of public call offices have not yet been provided in the Mehrauli-Badarpur road Government servants colony, New Delhi;

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

(c) whether Government propose to provide these facilities in the near future; and

(d) if so, by when these facilities are likely to be provided to in the locality?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Proposal for opening of a post office in the said colony is under examination. Another post office in the neighbouring Malviya Nagar Extension Colony will also be opened as soon as suitable accommodation is available. Public call office facilities will be provided in the two post offices when they are opened.