

(d) ii so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI):

(a) and (b) The Master Plan of Delhi provides that the upper ridge should gradually be developed as a central public park in Delhi. This would then be comparable to Hyde Park in London, Bois-de-Boulogne in Paris or Central Park in New York. The Plan further provides that for the present, small portions of the ridge be developed, like the Buddha Memorial Park, and the rest might remain in a natural state with the under growth cleared to facilitate hiking. The southern ridge is also to be developed as a regional park.

(c) No, Sir. The ridge, being an important open area available for development of a Regional Park, is not proposed to be utilized for housing purposes.

(d) Question does not arise.

Pay scales of laboratory staff

67. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI; Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pay scales prescribed for the laboratory staff by the UGC have not been adopted in many professional and other colleges affiliated to the Delhi University;

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

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government propose to take to bring the pay scales of such laboratory staff at par with those prescribed by the University Grants Commission?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) According to information available, some cadres of laboratory staff in the professional colleges in Delhi,

maintained by the Central Government and the Delhi Administration, are on scales of pay different from those recommended by the University Grants Commission. The details of such differences as also the reasons therefor are being ascertained from concerned agencies and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha. •

Export of foodgrains to U.S.S.R.

68. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions from any quarter to export foodgrains to U. S. S. R. in the wake of the reported U. S. decision to cancel exports to U. S. S. R.; and

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

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The Soviet side has not approached us for export of foodgrains from India to U.S.S.R. in the wake of the reported U.S. decision to cancel its export of grains to U.S.S.R.

(b) Does not arise.

Irregular supply of electricity and diesel to States

69. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have called for reports from the various State Governments about the difficulties being experienced by the farmers on account of irregular supply of power and diesel;

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

(c) what remedial measures are being contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH):