

The Conference agrees that the structure of the school education should comprise of elementary, secondary and higher secondary stages of 12 years duration.

The undergraduate stage of higher education may be of three years duration. However, where a State Government so desires it can have a two years Pass and a three years Honours course."

Amendment to the Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956

215. SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:
SHRI BAPURAOJI MAROT-
RAOJI DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956, to remove the existing lacunae in the Act; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARKATAKI): (a) and (b) The Bill to amend the Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956, has already been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 28 July, 1978.

Creation of employment through 10+2+3 pattern of education

216. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the decision taken recently in the State Education Ministers' Conference, the new pattern of education namely, 10 plus 2 plus 3

is likely to create employment opportunities for students receiving education under that system; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b) The Education Ministers' Conference held on July 13-15 resolved that the structure of school education comprise of elementary, secondary and higher secondary stages of 12 years duration. The stage of higher secondary of two years duration is designed to provide both for academic and vocational education. The pattern of school education will not by itself create employment opportunities but the programme of vocational education which is an essential ingredient of the pattern is designed to make the students either more employable or engage in self-employment.

Supply of sub-standard wheat seed to Pakistan by the National Seeds Corporation

217. DR. V. P. DUTT:
SHRI RAMESHWAR SINGH:
SHRI ABDUL RAHMAN
SHEIKH:
SHRI PILOO MODY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Seeds Corporation had supplied 5270 tonnes of wheat seed to Pakistan during September-October, 1978;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan has returned 1200 tonnes of wheat seed because of their being sub-standard;

(c) if so, what are the circumstances under which the sub-standard wheat seeds were exported to that country; and