

(b) It will not be in the interest of investigation of these cases, to disclose the details at this stage.

Schemes formulated by the Indian Institute of Statistics

887. SHRI RAGHBIR SINGH GILL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institute of Statistics has formulated a scheme for attracting students for graduate and post-graduate studies in Statistics;

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

(c) whether the Institute propose to approach various Ministries and Departments regarding their requirements of Statistics graduates; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SANKAR GHOSE): (a) and (b) The Question presumably relates to the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta. The Indian Statistical Institute conducts B. Stat. and M. Stat. degree courses in Statistics and provides stipends to students ranging from Rs. 100 to Rs. 125 per month. Total number of students in B. Stat. is 100 and in M. Stat. is 30. The Institute also conducts regular and part-time courses leading to Ph.D and Statisticians' Diploma.

(c) and (d) The Indian Statistical Institute has recently set up a Placement Bureau for helping students to get suitable employment and also for contacting various Governmental, public sector and private sector organisations to know their requirements of statistical personnel.

Statistics in the functional working of Ministries/Departments

888. SHRI RAGHBIR SINGH GILL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that various Ministries and Departments of the Central Government are applying Statistics in their functional working;

(b) if so, whether the Deptt. of Statistics have any proposal under their consideration for coordinating the working of the Ministries/Departments in order to ensure scientific statistical data collection and processing and for meeting their requirements of statistical personnel;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the Department of Statistics propose to approach the Universities and statistical institutes to meet the requirements of Ministries and Departments in this regard; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SANKAR GHOSE): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The Department of Statistics through the Central Statistical Organisation ensures coordination of the statistical activities of Central Ministries/Departments. It lays down the standards, norms and methods of collection and processing of statistics. It also provides for the training of statistical personnel in the various offices.

(d) and (e) There is already a cadre of Central Statisticians called the Indian Statistical Service (ISS). The ISS Rules provide for interchange of personnel between the ISS and the Universities and Statistical institutes. It has been decided recently to make fuller utilisation of this provision.