

Teaching days lost in Central Universities

1604. DR. I. OKESH CHANDRA :
SHRI UMASHANKAR JOSHI :
SHRI KRISHNA KRIPLANI :
SHRI P. N. BISI :

Will (he *Mmstet* of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be please to state :

(a) the number of teaching days lost during 1974 in all the Central Universities ; and

(b) what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) and (b) With the exception of the Visva Bharati and the Jawaharlal Nehru University, there was no loss of teaching days in any central University on account of agitation or trouble in the Universities. In the Science and Humanities Faculties of the Visva-Bharati, 7 and 5 days respectively were lost due to agitation for the removal of Professor of Chemistry from the Headship of the Department. In the Jawaharlal Nehru University, 8 teaching days were lost on account of token strike, by karamcharies or the students.

Expenditure on seminars

1605. SHRI KRISHNA KRIPLANI:
SHRI UMASHANKAR JOSHI:
SHRI P. N. BISI:

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

(a) the number of seminars organised during 1974 under the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare or by institutions financed or aided by the Ministry;

(b) what was the total expenditure incurred on these seminars;

(c) whether Government are aware that many of the themes discussed at these seminars were almost repetitions and some of delegates too were the same; and

(d) whether Government have made or propose to make an assessment to find out as to whether the expenditure incurred on these seminars was commensurate with the benefits derived therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROFESSOR S. NURUL HASAN): (a) to (d) Requisite information in regard to seminars organised by the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare "or by autonomous societies established by it or those for which specific assistance was provided, is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Aid to ailing/indigent writers, scholars and artists

1606. SHRI KRISHNA KRIPLANI: SHRI P. N. BISI: SHRI UMASHANKAR JOSHI:

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

(a) whether Government have earmarked any fund for giving aid to the ailing/indigent writers, scholars and artists;

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

(c) what is the machinery devised for selecting deserving recipients and for processing the disbursement of the grants or stipends;

(d) the details of amount disbursed during 1974, together with the number of the recipients and the minimum and maximum amounts granted to individuals;

(e) whether there is any provision for life pensions to writers, scholars and artists who