

close collaboration with the UGC Implementation Committee on Examination Reform

(3) The Commission is initiating co-ordinated programmes for development of post-graduate education.

(4) The Commission is implementing a programme for the improvement of Science Education in selected colleges. It has also been decided to introduce similar programmes for humanities and social sciences.

(5) Efforts are being made to develop collaborative and inter-disciplinary programmes of courses and research involving several departments.

(6) Attempts are being made to re-structure courses of study so as to make them relevant to local and regional needs including those of rural areas and also introduce work experience as part of college education.

(7) Programmes have been initiated to check the growth in enrolment in formal education and to divert a considerable proportion of students to benefit from correspondence courses, evening classes and part-time courses.

(8) A beginning has been made to provide direct support for research in Universities and also to build up the necessary infra-structure required for sustained research.]

Submission of Report on the Status of Women

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SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH

SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA

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

(a) whether the committee on the status of women in India has submitted its report to Government?

(b) whether Government have since examined the report, and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) (a) The term of the Committee on the Status of Women in India has been extended till 30th September 1974. The Committee is expected to submit its report by that date.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Financial Assistance by the Agricultural Refinance Corporation

*572 SHRI KALYAN ROY Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the details of the financial assistance given by the Agricultural Refinance Corporation in various States in 1971-72 and 1972-73 for financing minor irrigation projects, and

(b) the steps taken by the Corporation to remove disparity in financial assistance to the Eastern, North-Eastern and Northern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha

Statement

(a) Statewise position indicating the financial assistance drawn from the Agricultural Refinance Corporations in the various States for financing Minor Irrigation Projects in 1971-72 and 1972-73 is indicated in the Annexure (Enclosed).

(b) Setting up Consultancy Service Units with a complement of technical staff to assist the State Governments and the financing agencies in locating, investigating and appraising the projects strengthening of the field organisation with a view to undertake greater promotional activities in