

FORTUNE TELLING

617. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether fortune telling is a trade in India like that in Japan; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Government of India have no such information.

(b) Does not arise.

STUDY ON DEMAND OF TRACTORS

618. SHRIMATI SAVITA BEHEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the comprehensive study on demand for tractors undertaken by the National Council of Applied Economic Research about the country's demand for tractors has been completed and submitted to Government;

(b) if so, the broad features of the study, and the main observations and suggestions made by the NCAER in the light of this study; and

(c) the decisions taken by Government in the light thereof, in regard to the type and installed capacity of tractors and the expansion thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir, not so far.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

SERVICE RULES FOR THE STAFF OF THE TUBERCULOSIS CENTRE, MADRAS

619. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 546 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th April 1972 and state :

(a) whether any decision with regard to the service conditions and declaring them permanent etc. in respect of the staff of Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Centre at Chetput in Madras city has since been taken; and

(b) if not, the reasons for delay in taking a decision?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU) :

(a) and (b) Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Centre, Madras is a permanent research institute under the Indian Council of Medical Research. It has been decided to convert 80% of such of the temporary posts in the headquarters/permanent Institute of the Indian Council of Medical Research into permanent ones as have been in existence for more than 3 years and are likely to continue on a long term basis. The question of granting pensionary benefits to the staff has, however, not yet been decided.

परीक्षा पद्धति

620. श्री राम सहाय : क्या शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने दसवी कक्षा तक के छात्रों के लिए परीक्षाएं न करने का कोई निर्णय किया है;

(ख) यदि हा, तो यह निर्णय किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं, और