Written Answers

ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY CHANDRANAGAR COOPEPATIVE HOCSB BUILDING SOCIETY

\*518. SHRI SUHRID MULL1CK CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of misappropriation of funds against the office-bearers of the Chandranagar Cooperative House Building Society Limited, New Delhi has been investigated by the C. B. 1.

(b) if so, whether a prima facte case has been established.

(c)ifso, whether criminal proceedings have been launched; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN' IIIh MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGANNVTH PAHADIA) : (a) lo (d) It is not a fact that the C. B. I. has investigated a case of misappropriation of funds against the office-bearers of the society. However an enquiry under section 43 of the Bombay Cooperative Societies Act, 1925, as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi has been conducted. The question of launching criminal prosecution as a result of this enquiry is under consideration of the Delhi Administration.

# PROCUREMENT PRICE OF WHEAT PAID BY F. C. I.

•519. SHRIGANESHILAL CHAU-DHARY: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any complaints about the low price of wheat paid by Food Corporation of India to farmers in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) No specific complaints have been received.

(b) Dues not arise.

#### **OFFENCES UNDER UNTOUCHABILITY ACT**

•520. MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTTAM K.HAPARDE . Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been an increase in the offences und-r the Removal of Untouchability \ci in the country in the recent past; and

(b) if so, what legal measures have been taken by Government i> check such occurrences ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDPCVTION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) To mak: the punishment for the offence o! untouchability more deterrent, penal provisions of the Untouchability (Offences) Act, 1955 are being made more stringent and a Bill to this effect is already befotfa the Parliament.

# REGIONAL ENGINEERING COLLEGE. SILCHAR

\*52I. SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of establishment of the Regional Engineering College at Silchar, Assam;

(b) when the College is expected to be started;

(c) the number of staff appointed so far and the dates of their appointments , and

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(dj what is amount the spent so far on the salary, allowances & T. A. of the Principal and the staff?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : I a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

## STATEMENT

(a) The development of the College site for approach roads, electric supply and water supply have been completed. One hostel building is under construction. The plans and estimates for the first phase of the College main buildings have been prepared and are being scrutinised by the State Public Works Department.

(b) The College will start functioning after the main building, student\*' hostel and some staff quarters have been cons tructed.

(c) The following staff has been appoin ted :-

S. No.	Designation	No. of posts	Date of appoint- ment
1.	Principal	1	19.10.1967
2.	Estae Engineer	1	1.7.1969
3.	Accounts Officer	1	1.11.1971
4.	Accountant	1	11.3.1967
5.	P. A. to Principal	1	3.1.1968
6.	L. D. Assistant	1	7.10.1969
7.	Overseer	1	7.11.1969
8.	Muherrer	1	7.10.1969
9.	Peons	3	Between 1967 & 1971

(d) The expenditure incurred on salary, allowances and T. A. of the Principal and staff is about Rs. 4.42 lakhs.

### CORRESPONDENCE ON SCRIPT OF SINDHI LANGNAOK

830 SHRI JAIRAMDAS DAULAT-RAM: Will (he Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received a letter from Shri A J. Mamtora, Secretary, Sindhi Sahitya Sabha in the month of July'August, 1971, enclosing copies of the correspondence between the Sabha and the Ministry of Education carried on in an earlier year (1949-50) relating to the Script of the Sindhi language;

(b) whether he has acknowledged receipt of the letter and if so. when; and

(c) whether he will place on the Table of the House copies of the letter with its enclosure and the Government's acknowledgement ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The letter in question wa\* acknowledged on 25tn August, 1971.

(c) Yes, Sir. The copies of the corres pondence are enclosed; [Sec Appendix LXXX, Annexure No. 55J

#### C. G. H. S. DOOTORS ATTENDING CONFERENCES ABROAD

# 831. SHRI SHISHIR KUMAR : SHRI BIPINPAL DAS ;

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY, PLANNING be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 218 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1971 and state ;

(a) the details of the conferences abroad attended by Dr. H. Vaishanva, Professor of Medicine, Maulana Azad