

## DIRECTOR OF I.I.E.M., CALCUTTA

787. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recently appointed Director of the Indian Institute for Experimental Medicine, Calcutta, under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research does not have any medical qualification;

(b) the reasons for appointing a non-medical person to direct research activities of a medical Institute in preference to persons with high medical qualifications and

(c) whether the Institute could not more appropriately be located under the Indian Council of Medical Research?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) The present Director of the Indian Institute of Experimental Medicine, Calcutta, has no medical qualification as such but is an eminent Chemist and has been working as Head of the Chemistry Department and Deputy Director of the School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta, since 1948.

(b) The Institute of Experimental Medicine is not a medical institute where clinical work is undertaken. It is well-known that chemistry forms an essential basis of medicine. Qualifications prescribed for the post of Director when it was advertised, covered all the scientific disciplines related to the objectives and programme of the Institute. Medical qualifications were also prescribed. The present incumbent was adjudged to be the best candidate by a duly constituted expert Selection Committee in accordance with the relevant Bye-laws.

(c) The Study Team on Scientific Departments of the Administrative Reforms Commission is looking into this matter.

## BAN ON HIPPIES

788. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports have come to the notice of Government that young boys and girls of the Delhi University Campus are

getting addicted to drugs like charas or ganja which they obtain from foreign Hippies and

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to ban the entry of Hippies into this country?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) A newspaper report to this effect has come to the notice of Government. But according to the University of Delhi it is not a fact that young boys and girls are getting addicted to drugs like charas and ganja in the University Campus.

(b) No, Madam. However, vigilance has been intensified and suitable action under the appropriate laws is taken whenever there are signs of undesirable activities on the part of such foreigners.

## THREAT OF AGITATION BY DELHI TEACHERS

789. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Joint Council of Delhi School Teachers Organisations has threatened to launch an agitation if the authorities did not clarify the position regarding transfer of corporation schools to the Delhi Administration;

(b) whether any final decision regarding the transfer of schools has been taken;

(c) if so, when the transfer will be completed; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN): (a) According to the information supplied by the Delhi Municipal Corporation, the reply is in the affirmative.

(b) The Government of India has approved the proposal to transfer Middle and Higher Secondary schools run by the Delhi Municipal Corporation and the New Delhi Municipal Committee to the Delhi Administration.

(c) The Delhi Administration is working out the necessary details of the take over