

तादाद भी बतलायेगी तथा कबतक गंगा और ब्रम्हपुत्र में नेविगेशन जारी किया जा सकेगा।

PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO : I am afraid ; I did not give any assurance that the navigation will be resumed. The assurance I have given is that we are studying the problem and I expressed my personal desire to see that the navigation is resumed as early as possible.

श्री राम सहाय : क्या मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जान सकूंगा कि एक जो स्कीम बड़ी बड़ी नदियों में नाव चलाने की थी क्योंकि उनसे सामान लाने और ले जाने में सस्ता पड़ता है, उसके बारे में सरकार ने क्या तय किया है ?

PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO : I think, Sir, there was a scheme like that—if I am not mistaken—and I think it was drawn up by the late Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer. But I do not think any follow up has taken place because of the enormous cost of the scheme.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Next question.

*560. [Transferred to the 27th August, 1968.]

*561. [The questioner (Prof. Shantilal Kothari) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3804 infra.]

SCHOOL EDUCATION WITH TECHNICAL BIAS

*562. SHRI ARJUN ARORA : †

SHRI GULAM NABI UNTOO :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to introduce schemes of school education with technical bias; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) and (b) The Government have taken the following steps to give secondary education a technical bias :

(1) Diversified courses in such fields as commerce, agriculture, engineering have been introduced into some secondary schools.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Arjun Arora.

(2) Junior Technical schools offering an integrated curriculum of general and technical education and technical training in selected engineering trades have been established.

(3) Pre-vocational Training Centres, that impart general education and provide workshop practice, have been started.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA : May I know if these steps have been taken only in the Union territories or the Government has been able to successfully persuade the State Governments to fall in line?

SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD : All these three steps have been taken in the States also, apart from the Union territories.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA : May I know which States have taken all the three steps, which have taken two, which have taken one and which have taken none?

SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD : I can give the number, for example, of Junior Technical Schools opened in different States and Union territories. They are about 111. I can say that multi-purpose high schools, where diversified courses are being adopted, have been opened by all the States, but all that formula which the hon. Member wants I cannot give just now.

†RECOMMENDATIONS OF SINHA COMMITTEE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL ROADS

*446. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) the recommendations made by the Sinha Committee for development of roads in rural areas ;

(b) the road mileage in existence in 1962 and 1967 in rural areas ;

(c) what are the needs assessed by the Committee for rural and district roads in the countryside ;

(d) the outline of the proposed programme of the development of roads drawn up by the Committee ; and

(e) the reactions of Government thereon?

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