

(b) and (c) Various development programmes proposed to be included in the Fourth Plan which is under formulation, are expected to increase the growth rate and provide increasing number of employment opportunities for the unemployed persons including the educated.

#### POSTPONEMENT OF MID-TERM ELECTIONS IN WEST BENGAL

346. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR: Will the Minister of LAW be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representations from any quarters for the postponement of ensuing mid-term elections in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the main features of the representations received; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW (SHRI MOHAMMAD YUNUS SALEEM): (a) Subsequent to the change made in the date of the poll from November, 1968 to

February, 1969 the Election Commission has not received any representation from any quarters for the postponement of the ensuing mid-term elections in West Bengal due to be held on the 9th February, 1969.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### MID-TERM ELECTIONS

347. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR:

SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR:

Will the Minister of LAW be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission has fixed any schedule for mid-term elections in West Bengal, U.P., Bihar and Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount which will be spent on the elections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW (SHRI MOHAMMAD YUNUS SALEEM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are indicated below:

Name of the State	Date of issue of notification under sec. 15 of the R. P. Act, 1951	Last date for making nominations	Date of scrutiny of nominations	Last date for the withdrawal of candidatures	Date(s) of Poll
Bihar . . .	1-1-1969	8-1-1969	9-1-1969	11-1-1969	9-2-1969
Punjab . . .	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	9-2-1969
Uttar Pradesh .	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th February, 1969.
West Bengal .	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	9-2-1969

As regards the cost of election, it is not possible to state the amount before the elections are over.

348. [Transferred to the 27th November, 1968.]