

workshops do not exist in three of the polytechnics in Delhi;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to provide these facilities adequately; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there is 15 per cent shortage of staff in the three polytechnics, if so, the steps taken to remove this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN) : (a) Of the three polytechnics, only the Kashmere Gate Polytechnic does not have its own workshops and laboratories. This Polytechnic is utilising workshops and laboratories of the Delhi College of Engineering and attached Technical Higher Secondary School.

Adequate facilities exist both for laboratories and workshops at Pusa Polytechnic. The Okhla Polytechnic has adequate facilities for laboratories but accommodation for workshops has yet to be provided.

(b) As soon as a decision regarding the location of the Kashmere Gate Polytechnic is taken, the necessary workshops and laboratories will be constructed.

For the Okhla Polytechnic construction of workshop buildings will be taken up in the current year.

(c) The shortage of staff is only five per cent. For the vacant posts, selections have been made and appointment of the necessary staff is in progress.

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS COMMISSION

334. SHRI M. M. DHARIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Administrative Reforms Commission is authorised to give its recommendation on matters of policy;

(b) how much amount has been spent so far on the Administrative Reforms Commission; and

(c) when the work of the Administrative Reforms Commission is expected to be over?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) The Administrative Reforms Commission has been set up to enquire into and make recommendations as to how the administration could be made a fit instrument for carrying out the economic and social policies of the Government.

(b) Rs. 30,74,927.37 (up to 31st Octo., 1967).

(c) The Commission expects most of the study teams and working groups appointed by it to submit their reports to it in about 3 months. The Commission may then take some time to consider these reports and finally report to the Government on all the subjects under study.

AMALGAMATION OF I.A.C. AND AIR INDIA

335. SHRI M. M. DHARIA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amalgamate the Indian Airlines Corporation and the Air India or to have a joint cadre of their staff; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal before Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

SCIENCE TEACHING IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

336. SHRI Z. A. AHMAD :

SHRI P. K. KUMARAN :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the question of improving science teaching in schools and colleges has recently been considered by Government; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this direction?