

(c) how far the matter has progressed and by when the separate Division is going to be formed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The proposal has been dropped for the present as it does not fulfil the requirements of the prescribed departmental standard.

#### ABOLITION OF POSTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

554. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Postal Advisory Committees attached to Superintendent of Post Offices have been abolished;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same; and

(c) whether Government is considering to form them again to have close relation with the public to alleviate the grievances of the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) As a measure of economy these Committees have been abolished.

(c) Not at present.

555. [Transferred to the 14th August, 1967]

#### VIJNAN MANDIRS IN RAJASTHAN

556. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vijnan Mandirs set up by the Government of India in Rajasthan to make farmers science conscious have since been closed by the State Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the views of the Government of India on the continuance of such mandirs in the various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) The Rajasthan Government have closed down four Vijnan Mandirs which were functioning in that State.

(b) The State Government considered that these Vijnan Mandirs were not making an impact.

(c) Since this scheme is now an activity transferred to the State Governments, they have been asked to review the working of Vijnan Mandirs in their States and to communicate their views to the Central Government. Their views are being awaited.

#### NEHRU MEMORIAL MUSEUM

557. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure per month on the Nehru Memorial Museum, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is proposed to have a Nehru Memorial Garden in the grounds of the Nehru Memorial Museum; and

(c) if reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what is the expenditure proposed to be incurred on the lay-out of the garden?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) The average monthly recurring expenditure of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, during 1966-67 was about Rs. 53,900 excluding expenditure on maintenance of the Teen Murti House.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.