

(c) if not, when the recommendations are likely to be submitted to Government; and

(d) whether Government have set any time limit for completing the work of the Wage Board?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI): (a) The Board has held nine (9) meetings so far. Its questionnaire has been finalised.

(b) Not yet.

(c) The Board has heard the parties at some centres. The remaining hearings are being arranged.

(d) No, Sir.

\*109. [Transferred to the 1st June, 1967.]

#### WOMEN EDUCATION

\*110. SHRIMATI C. AMMANNA RAJA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state the various steps taken by the Union Government to improve women education in order to bring at par the percentage of educated men and women in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

Some of the important steps taken are:—

(i) Setting up of the National Council for Women's Education to advise the Government on all matters relating to the education of girls.

(ii) At the request of the Government of India, the State Governments have set up State Councils for Women's Education and in several cases have also appointed Deputy/Joint Directors of Education specially charged with the formulation and

execution of special programmes for Girls Education.

(iii) Appointment of special Committees from time to time to study problems of girls education.

Examples are:—

(1) The Smt. Hansa Mehta Committee appointed to go into the question of differentiation of Curricula between boys and girls. (Report published in 1964.)

(2) The Bhaktavatsalam Committee appointed to look into the causes of lack of support, particularly in rural areas, for education of girls and for enlisting public cooperation. (Report published in 1965.)

(iv) In addition to the schemes of general education which benefit boys as well as girls, special programmes including those relating to the construction of quarters for women teachers in rural areas, village allowance, appointment of school mothers, construction of sanitary blocks and hostels for girls, condensed education course and the establishment of polytechnics for girls, have been functioning.

(v) Assistance to Voluntary Educational Organisations working in the field of Women's Education.

(vi) Holding of seminars in different States to discuss problems and programmes of girls education.

#### SELECTION GRADE FOR ASSISTANTS

\*111. SHRI ARJUN ARORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee of Joint Secretaries has not taken any decision regarding selection grade of Assistants in the Central Government and revision of existing rules of their seniority during the last 14 months in spite of repeated representations; and

(b) if so, by what date a decision will be taken in the matter?