CLAIMS REGISTERED WITH THE CENTRAL CLAIMS ORGANISATION

- 493. SHRI JAIRAMDAS DAULAT-RAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of claimants whose claims are registered with the Central Claims Organisation who were employees of local bodies in Pakistan and migrated to India before June, 1955 and whose applications for payment of pension are pending with Government:
- (b) the number of these claimants who were teachers; and
- (c) whether the forms which had to be sent to the above applicants under para 9 of the Press Note issued by the Press Information Bureau dated the 22nd August, 1966 have been sent to all the above applicants together with advice as to the evidence needed by Government for the sanction of pension to them under the above Press Note: if not, by when these are expected to be sent?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOY-MENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) 900 pension claims of ex-employees of local Bodies including teachers in Pakistan are registered with Central Claims Organisation. Out of these 450 claims have since been settled and 450 pension claims are pending with the Government of Pakistan for verification, acceptance and issue of | Payment authorities to India.

- (b) 475.
- (c) Yes. In the Memorandum sent along with the forms particulars about evidence required are mentioned.

Welfare Officer and Programme Officer in the I.C.C.R.

- 494. SHRI A. C. GILBERT: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the year in which the posts of Welfare Officer I and Programme Officer I were created in the Indian Council for Cultural Relations:
- (b) the annual expenditure involved on their salaries;
- (c) whether the Council undertook any additional activities to utilise their services;
- (d) if so the details of those activities; and proposals; and
- (e) the other expenditure incurred by the Council on such proposals and activities?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) The two posts were created in 1964.

- (b) Rs. 17,280.
- (c) and (d) The existing activities of the Council had already increased sufficiently to justify the creation of these posts. However, since their creation, there has been a further increase in the Council's activities by way of strengthening the existing programmes of Cultural Exchanges and Students Service Unit.
- (e) The expenditure incurred on programmes of cultural exchanges and on the welfare of foreign students during the last three years is given below:

Rs. Rs. Rs. Rs. Rs. Activities . 2,75,000 3,67,000 4,32,000

Student Service Unit Activities 2,49,000 3,77,000 4,90,000

TOTAL . 5,24,000 7,44,000 9,22,000