

which is necessary to be in India, which is considered important by the community, or is important from the cultural or spiritual point of view, we will certainly take up the matter and negotiate but, apart from negotiations, there is no other way of getting these back, and this is what is happening in the case of the India Office Library for ten years and yet a decision has not been arrived at.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Question Hour is over.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### INDIAN STUDENTS GOING TO UNITED STATES

\*464. SHRI M. C. SHAH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most Indian students going to United States of America for advanced studies in technical institutions are required to undergo intensive training in English before they are permitted to join specific courses of study; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to remove this difficulty ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA) : (a) It has been pointed out to the Government by our Embassy in the U.S.A. that some of our students going to the U.S.A. are beginning to face the disadvantage of not being able to follow their courses because of an inadequate knowledge of English. The universities in U.S.A. often insist on giving the students whose English is weak a course sometimes lasting several months in the English language before they are allowed to join their regular course. This difficulty is felt particularly with students coming from Gujarat.

(b) The Union Government has drawn the attention of the Government of Gujarat to this fact. That Government is considering the possibility of starting a special orientation course for students going to the U.S.A.

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TALUKDAR COMMITTEE REPORT

\*465. { SHRI RAM SINGH  
SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY :  
SHRI I. K. GUJRAL :  
SHRI RAMGOPAL GUPTA :  
SHRI BANSI LAL :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the main recommendations of the Talukdar Committee on petroleum prices and whether Government have accepted the recommendations in entirety; and

(b) if not, the modifications with which the report has been accepted ?

### THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) :

(a) and (b) The recommendations of the Working Group on Oil Prices headed by Shri Talukdar were implemented with certain modifications from 1st February, 1966, and copies of the report together with copies of the Government Resolution on the subject, which indicate the modifications, have been placed in the Library of Parliament on 4-2-66.

### PUNJABI SUBA ISSUE

\*473. SHRI S. SUPAKAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government have taken a final decision on the Punjabi Suba issue ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA) : Government will take and announce their final decision shortly.

### INCREMENTS OF L.D.Cs.

\*475. SHRI ABDUL GHANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the increments of L.D.Cs. in the Central Secretariat, who could not qualify in the typewriting test, have been stopped; and

(b) if so, how many persons have been so affected and whether any representation has been made on their behalf ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. S. NASKAR) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.