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THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : Of 384 cases pending with the Central Government Industrial Tribunal, Dhanbad as on 30th June 1966 (i) 2 cases are over 3 years, (ii) 42 over 2 years and (iii) 144 over one year.

DIRECTOR GENERAL, C.S.I.R.

1084. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has recently been a change in the incumbent of the post of Director-General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the change was to have taken place in November, 1966; and

(c) if reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what were the reasons for which the change has taken place before the scheduled date ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAOIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The former Director-General, Scientific and Industrial Research has proceeded on leave preparatory to retirement with effect from 22nd August 1966 (Forenoon).

PAYMENT OF NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

1085. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any uniform method of payment of National Scholarship to its winners;

(b) whether Government are aware that the payment of the scholarship is not made expeditiously and in some cases the delay defeats the very purpose for which the scholarship is awarded; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to remove the difficulty ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION [DR. (MRS.) T. S. SOUNTMRAM RAMACHANDRAN] : (a) A

uniform method of payment was recommended for adoption to all States and Union Territories in July, 1965.

(b) and (c) It is a fact that reports regarding delay in payments to scholarship-holders in some cases have been received. Payments to scholarship-holders are, however, made through the State Governments at whose disposal the Government of India places requisite funds in the beginning of the year. State Governments have been requested time and again to take all possible steps for expeditious payments so that scholarship-holders are not put to any inconvenience. The Government of India have suggested revised payment procedure to ensure speedy payments to scholarship-holders. Under this procedure State Government authorities do not wait for the submission of the scholarship bills by the heads of the Institutions but remits the requisite funds to the heads of the Institutions where the scholarship-holders are studying so that they are able to make payments to the scholarship-holders on monthly basis.

SUSPENSION OF THE DRUG PRICES CONTROL REGULATIONS

1086. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have suspended the operation of the drug prices control regulations which make it obligatory for the manufacturers to mark the drug prices on the packages; and

(b) if so, what were the circumstances which forced Government to take this action ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) and (b) Government have been informed and also learnt by a small sample survey that the dealers, due to competition among themselves, do not absorb the full discount that is allowed by the manufacturers but pass on a portion of the discount to the consumers thereby selling the medicines at varying but below the listed prices. It was represented that with the printing of prices the consumers would have to pay the printed price. Government are therefore considering whether printing on packages should indicate that the prices are the maximum chargeable from consumer!