

(b) Efforts are being made for their release through diplomatic channels and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

(c) The question does not arise.

OFF-SHORE DRILLING OPERATIONS

536. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that for want of floating drilling platform, the off-shore drilling operations have been delayed; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to send our Engineers to other countries to learn the know-how of these platforms ?

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

(b) No.

PUBLICATION OF 'SHANTI DOOT'

537. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council for Cultural Relations has brought out a newspaper entitled "Shanti Doot" from Surinam;

(b) if so, what are its aims and objects and who edits it;

(c) how much foreign exchange has been sanctioned for its publication;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Indian Commissioner at Surinam has objected to the publication of the said paper; and

(e) if so, what are his objections and the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA) : (a) The journal "Shanti Doot" has not been brought out by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations but by the Indian Cultural Committee at Surinam, a voluntary private organisation of local people.

(b) To propagate the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and spread knowledge of Hindi in Surinam. The Board of Editors comprise the Education Adviser to Surinam Government, a local Citizen Maclari Jaggu and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations Lecturer in Surinam, Shri Mahatam Singh.

(c) The Indian Council for Cultural Relations does not incur any expenditure.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. On the contrary, the High Commissioner feels that the journal serves a useful purpose.

PROFESSORS ETC. IN THE URDU DEPARTMENT OF DELHI UNIVERSITY

538. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state the number of Professors, Readers, Lecturers, Research Assistants and others working in the Urdu Department of the Delhi University and the colleges affiliated thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA) :

University of Delhi

Professor	1
Readers	2
Lecturers	2
Research Assistant	1
Research Fellow	1

Colleges affiliated to Delhi University

Reader	1
Lecturers	16

SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

539. SHRI YELLA REDDY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a shortage of trained teachers for elementary schools in the country;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to meet the shortage; and

(c) the total amount proposed to be spent by the Centre for improving training facilities for the elementary teachers during the Fourth Five Year Plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION [DR. (SHRIMATI) T. S. SOUNDARAM RAMACHANDRAN]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to meet the shortage of trained teachers by increasing the intake of existing training institutions, setting up new ones, and providing facilities for correspondence courses.

(c) The following allocations have been proposed for the purpose in the Central Sector during the Fourth Five Year Plan :

	Rs. (crores)
(i) Correspondence courses for training of elementary school teachers . . .	4.40
(ii) Improvement of teachers' training institutions at the elementary stage . . .	6.80
(iii) In-service training courses for trained elementary school teachers . . .	3.00

ISLAMPUR FORT

540. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 481 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd September, 1965 and state :

(a) whether any proposal has since been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for taking over the Islampur Fort near Bhopal as a protected monument by the Government of India;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been accepted; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

राज्यों में निःशुल्क और अनिवार्य शिक्षा

541. श्री बिमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरडिया : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) किन-किन राज्यों में 14 वर्ष तक की आयु के बच्चों को निःशुल्क और अनिवार्य शिक्षा दी जा रही है; और

(ख) जिन राज्यों में इस बारे में अभी तक व्यवस्था नहीं की गई है, उनके सम्बन्ध में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार कर रही है ?

†[FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION IN THE STATES

541. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States which are imparting free and compulsory education to children up to the age of 14 years; and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken by Government in respect of those States where arrangements in this behalf have not so far been made ?]

शिक्षा मंत्री (श्री एम० सी० चागला):

(क) निम्नलिखित राज्यों में 14 वर्ष तक की आयु के बच्चों को निःशुल्क शिक्षा देने की व्यवस्था है:—

आंध्र प्रदेश, बिहार (केवल लड़कियों के लिए), गुजरात (vii स्तर तक), जम्मू तथा कश्मीर, केरल, मध्य प्रदेश, मद्रास, महाराष्ट्र (vii स्तर तक), मैसूर, पंजाब, राजस्थान, उत्तर प्रदेश (केवल लड़कियों के लिए) और पश्चिम बंगाल (केवल लड़कियों के लिए) ।

निम्नलिखित राज्यों में अनिवार्य प्राथमिक शिक्षा अधिनियमों को अधिनियमित कर

†[] English translation.