

### INTRODUCTION OF THREE YEAR DEGREE COURSE IN UNIVERSITIES

\*425. SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount expended for the introduction of three year Degree Course in the Indian Universities;

(b) what are the findings of the Committee on Standards as regards the Three Year Degree Course as it exists today in the matter of improving the standard of higher education; and

(c) what are the suggestions of the Committee for improving the standard of higher education?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) Rs. 8.16 crores.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (See below)

(c) Summary and main recommendations of the Committee are given on pages 107—122 of the "Report on Standards of University Education", copy of which has already been placed in the Parliament Library.

### STATEMENT

#### *Introduction of Three Year Degree Course in Universities*

(b) 1. All Universities in India with the exception of the University of Bombay and the four State Universities in U.P. have accepted the three-year degree course pattern but many of the conditions essential for its implementation have not been fulfilled.

2. In recent years there is a general agreement on the total duration of school and university education up to the first Degree being 15 years. It is, however, necessary to ensure that the new pattern is harnessed to conditions which are conducive to a refinement of both school and collegiate education.

3. The period of 15 years may be split up in a convenient way. It does not seem possible to have a 12-year school education except in exceptionally good

schools. The pattern of having 10 years of school education followed by 2 years in an intermediate or junior college and 3 years in a degree college deserves serious consideration. The junior college could provide an opportunity to a large number of students to acquire a university degree without having to proceed further, besides being a point for dispersal to vocational and technical courses.

4. The pre-university course needs to be reorganised, keeping in view the capacity of students as also the need for giving them an adequate grounding for higher studies. Special attention should be directed to the teaching of English in the pre-university course.

5. There is a considerable lack of uniformity in regard to the honours courses in the universities. While we should make provision for a variety of courses and combination of subjects to suit different kinds and degrees of ability, it is essential to have a clear idea of their specific objectives. The honours course should aim at greater specialisation on the basis of which the student could proceed to post-graduate studies.

6. The idea of "general education" interpreted imaginatively and in a flexible way, could serve as a rational principle of reorganisation of undergraduate education to make it more balanced and appropriate to the intellectual and spiritual needs of students in the modern world.

### NON-PAYMENT OF BONUS IN COAL MINES

\*426. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Indian Mine Workers' Federation regarding non-payment of bonus by a number of coal mines in Raniganj-Asansol Belt; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Yes.

(b) The collieries, numbering 57, who have not yet paid bonus, have already been served with show cause notices to explain why action should not be taken against them for contravention of the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965.

**दिल्ली में विद्यार्थियों का अधिक संख्या में फेल होना**

\*429. श्रीमती सरला भदौरिया : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि गत वर्ष की तुलना में इस वर्ष दिल्ली में सभी स्तरों पर विद्यार्थियों के अधिक संख्या में फेल होने के क्या कारण हैं ?

†[LARGE SCALE FAILURES IN DELHI]

\*429. SHRIMATI SARLA BHAD-  
URIA : Will the Minister of EDUCA-  
TION be pleased to state the reasons for  
the failure of a large number of students  
at all levels in Delhi this year as com-  
pared to that of last year ?]

**शिक्षा मंत्री (श्री एम० सी० चागला) :**  
हायर सैकण्डरी स्कूलों (Higher Secondary  
Schools) में फेल होने वालों की संख्या  
का प्रतिशत पिछले साल से खास ज्यादा  
नहीं है। बाकी का सवाल नहीं उठता।

स्थानीय संस्थाओं के अधीन प्राइमरी  
(Primary) और मिडिल (Middle)  
स्कूलों के बारे में जानकारी नहीं है।

†[THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI M. C. CHAGLA) : So far as  
Higher Secondary Schools are concerned,  
the percentage of failures is not markedly  
higher than that for the last year; the rest  
of the question does not arise.

Information in respect of Primary and  
Middle Schools under the local bodies in  
Delhi is not available.]

†[ ] English translation.

#### EXPLORATION OF NATURAL GAS

\*431. SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY :  
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) up to date position regarding the  
exploration for the sources of natural gas  
on the East Coast ;

(b) what are the sections of the East  
Coast which offer the best prospects in  
this regard; and

(c) what measures Government have  
taken, so far, to expedite the exploration  
and exploitation of these sources ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM  
AND CHEMICALS (SHRI O. V.  
ALAGESAN) : (a) to (c) A statement  
giving the required information is laid on  
the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

(a) On the East Coast, exploration for  
oil and natural gas is being carried out  
in (i) Cauvery basin of Madras and the  
adjoining off-shore area, (ii) the Goda-  
vari and Krishna basins of Andhra Pra-  
des and the adjoining off-shore area,  
(iii) the Mahanadi delta of Orissa and  
(iv) the south-eastern part of West  
Bengal.

In the Cauvery basin, geological map-  
ping and gravity, magnetic and seismic  
surveys have been carried out and three  
structural wells and two deep wells have  
been drilled. The seismic surveys are  
being continued and drilling of a third  
well is in progress. Structural drilling  
operations, which are currently under sus-  
pension, on account of repairs to the rig,  
are also proposed to be continued.

In the off-shore area, seismic surveys  
have been carried out and are still in pro-  
gress.

In the Godavari and Krishna basins,  
geological mapping and gravity, magnetic  
and seismic surveys have been carried out.  
The surveys are to be continued. Seismic  
survey is also being carried out in the off-  
shore area.