

by the University Grants Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN): (a) and (b) Normally, the Post-graduate Research Fellows complete their thesis during the period of their research fellowships. In some cases, however, the completion of the thesis is delayed on account of wide scope of research projects, collection of source material, sifting of data and verification of experimental data in science subjects.

#### TEACHERS IN RAMJAS SCHOOLS IN DELHI

♦821. SHRI ABDUL GHANI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received a representation from the teachers working in Ramjas Schools in Delhi to the effect that they have not been paid their increments for the last three or four years;

(b) if so, the action taken on the said representation; and

(c) the number of teachers affected by the stoppage of the increments and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI R. M. HAJAR-NAVIS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Management of the school has been asked to decide the cases expeditiously.

(c) Five. The management did not find the teachers fit to cross the Efficiency Bar.

#### FORMULA FOR SAVING CONSUMPTION OF PETROL, ETC.

♦822. SHRI M. M. DHARIA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some scientist has evolved a new formula to save the

consumption of Petrol and Diesel Oil; and

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has examined the results obtained by this scientist?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRIMATI SOUNDARAM RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) A person named Shri Uttam Chand Nanda of Gurdaspur has written to the Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehra Dun, that he has developed a chemical which can reduce the consumption of Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene Oils from 33% to 38% in internal combustion engines at a nominal cost and is prepared to give preliminary tests. The Director of the Institute has invited Shri Uttam Chand Nanda to visit the Institute along with samples of products to discuss what tests are required and how the same can be planned.

#### ज्योतिष के अध्ययन के लिए संस्था

\*823. श्री लक्ष्मी नारायण दास : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ज्योतिष विद्या के वैज्ञानिक ढंग से पठन-पाठन के लिए किसी संस्था की स्थापना के प्रस्ताव पर सरकार द्वारा विचार किया जा रहा है अथवा क्या सरकार द्वारा इस क्षेत्र में पहले ही से कार्यरत किसी सार्वजनिक संस्था को अनुदान दिया जा रहा है; और

(ख) क्या ज्योतिष सम्बन्धी दुर्लभ ग्रंथों के संपादन और प्रकाशन की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?