

2. Winter uniform had been supplied before the onset of winter. The supply of summer uniform is being expedited to make it available before the onset of next summer.

3. Special efforts are being made to repair the sweepers' quarters after joint inspection by the officials of Health and Engineering Departments. Essential repairs have been carried out in some of the sweepers' colonies.

4. Implements are being supplied regularly. Special provision has been made to purchase wheel barrows during the year 1965-66.

5 to 17. The officials of the Municipal Corporation and leaders of sweepers are having series of meetings to scrutinize these demands and to find agreed solutions. Two such meetings have already taken place.

EXPANSION OF BARAUNI REFINERY

*194. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into a contract with the Soviet Export Organisation recently for delivery of equipment for the expansion of Barauni Refinery; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of that contract?

Tun MINISTER or PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1,540 tonnes of equipment, valued at Rs. 66.36 lakhs, will be supplied by the Soviet Organisation. The delivery of the equipment is to be completed by the end of 1965.

WHITLEY COUNCILS FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: SHRI
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KAPOOR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to set up joint consultative machinery for Central Government employees, on the lines of the Whitley Councils; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in the matter?'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI) : (a) and (b) Government are making every

effort to introduce the scheme as early as possible. Various organisations of Government employees have been consulted. Some of them have objected to certain aspects of the scheme. Their objections are being further considered and further meetings with the representatives of Government employees will be held shortly with the object of finding ways and means to introduce the scheme.

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS OF AUTHORS

*-196. PROF. SATYAVRATA SIDDHANTALANKAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government invited unpublished manuscripts from authors on subjects like humanities, medical science, etc., at any time during the last five years, with a view to helping the authors economically;

(b) if so, what was the date by which such manuscripts were to be submitted to Government and when was Government's decision conveyed to the respective authors;

(c) the number of manuscripts which were received, accepted and rejected, respectively; and

(d) whether all the manuscripts were returned to the authors concerned?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHACLA) : (a) Yes Sir, for several schemes, not particularly with a view to help the authors economically.

(b) to (d) The particular scheme about which information is desired has not been indicated specifically. Therefore, it is not possible to reply to these points.