

## RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 17th September 1963/tfte 26th  
Bhadra, 1885 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR.  
CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

\*599. [*The questioner* (Shri Bhupesh Gupta) *was absent. For answer, vide cols. 4380-4381 infra.*]

#### CONVERSION OF LOW GRADE COAL INTO HIGH B. T. U. GAS

\*600. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHIN AI:  
Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of American experts  
has suggested the conversion of low-grade  
coal into high B.T.U. gas; and

(b) *ii so*, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL  
(SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) No,  
Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

\* 601. [*The questioner* (Shri A. D. Mani) *was absent. For answer, vide ml. 4381 infra.*]

#### EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION

\*<302. SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: Will the  
Minister of EDUCATION be •pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Education  
has Issued instructions to the State  
Governments not to cut the expenditure on  
education in spite of the emergency; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the State  
Governments in the matter?

THE MINISTER or SCIENTIFIC  
RESEARCH AND CULTURAL  
AFFAIRS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR):

(a) The Education Minister wrote to

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all the State Chief Ministers emphasising  
that in the light of the important  
contributions that education has to make to  
the national cause, the pace of development  
in education should not be slowed down.

(b) The reactions of the State Gov-  
ernments are sympathetic to the suggestion.

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: May I know  
why in spite of this directive, many of the  
State Governments have reduced their  
education expenditure in the Plan? i

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: Sir, first of all  
there is no directive. Secondly, I find on  
analysis that with the exception of only one  
or two States none of them have reduced  
their expenditure on education.

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: May I know  
which are those States?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: Bihar has  
reduced it and also to some extent Jammu  
and Kashmir.

SHRI DIBAKAR PATNAIK; What about  
Orissa?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: Orissa has  
not reduced it. The provision made in the  
Budget Estimates for 1962-63 was Rs.  
235\*9 lakhs and for the current year it is  
Rs. 269-8 lakhs.

SHRI R. S KHANDEKAR: I understand  
that the Madhya Pradesh Government has  
also reduced its expen\* diture on education  
in the Plan. May I know whether the  
Government is issuing any instructions to  
the States which are not sympathetic to the  
suggestion of the Central Government?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I havesaid that  
no State is unsympathetic to the suggestion.  
Every State wants to increase it. The hon.  
Member is• not correct about Madhya  
Pradesh. The

Budget Estimate of Rs. 535 lakhs during 1962-63 was increased to Rs. 592 lakhs during 1963-64.

SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: The hon. Minister has just now stated that except two States no other State has reduced the expenditure on education. The hon. Minister is aware that the number of students is increasing every day and therefore it is essential to spend more and more amount on education. In view of this situation, Sir, may I know from the hon. Minister whether they have advised the State Governments to increase their expenditure on education?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: Sir, this is an obvious consequence of the directive of the Constitution. Every State Government wants to increase education. Only two State Governments have expressed their inability to increase the funds. The others have stated that the rate of progress has, to some extent, slowed down but they are trying to take certain measures to provide additional funds.

SHRI D. B. DESAI: May I know whether all the State Governments have stuck to the phased programme in the Third Five Year Plan in the matter of education?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: The programme is revised from year to year. All of them want acceleration. This is the general reply from all of them. As I said, two States have diminished their provisions to some extent but we are pursuing the matter with them.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: May I know whether there are any particular reasons which have compelled those two States to reduce their expenditure on education, any particular reasons which are not applicable to other States?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: Yes, Sir The Bihar Government have stated that their Plan provision for 1962-63 was 63.04 crores and it is only Rs. 50.46 crores for 1963-64. In view of this reduction of nearly Rs. 13 crores they

have been compelled to make some reduction in educational budget, but we are trying to persuade them to increase the provision.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: May I know how long it will take the Government to introduce the compulsory primary education scheme throughout India?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: The aim is to provide for 80 per cent, of the pupils by the end of the Third Plan and we hope that by 1970 there will be universal elementary education in the country and, if it is universal, the question of compulsion is not so necessary.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: I would like to know if any grants from the Central Government to the various states on account of primary education have been reduced.

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: There is no question of grants from the Central Government, Sir. We give assistance. Primary education is essentially in the State Budgets and we have taken up the question to see that the rate of progress is not slowed down. I may mention here that in the Third Plan the target was that 76 per cent, of the children of 6 to 11 should be covered by elementary education. We have raised that to 80 per cent. We can try to go beyond that.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know how far the reduction in Bihar has affected free primary education in that State and is it a fact that literacy in that State is low?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: Sir, we are aware of it and we are persuading the Bihar Government. We shall see what can be done.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: The hon. Minister has not replied to one part of the question of Mr. Gurupada Swamy. May I, therefore, ask; Have the Government of Bihar given any specific reasons for this large reduc-

tion of Rs. 13 crores, especially when their number of universities has risen by one, from four to five?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I gave the figure that their total Plan provision had been reduced by Rs. 13 crores. Therefore, they have been compelled to reduce their education budget also by some amount. The Budget provision for 1962-63 was Rs. 501 lakhs which they have very drastically reduced to Rs. 391 lakhs. But we are pursuing the matter with them.

MR. CHAIRMAN; Next question.

**PROGRAMMES FOR EXCHANGE OF  
SCHOLARS ON BILATERAL BASIS**

\*603. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scholars sent to various countries in 1962 under the programmes for Exchange of Scholars on Bilateral Basis;

(b) how many scholars are proposed to be sent in 1963 and to what countries under the programmes; and

(c) what facilities are proposed to be given to such scholars on their return to India?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): (a) 38.

(b) 85 scholars are proposed to be sent to Ceylon, Greece, Poland, U.A.R., U.S.S.R., and Yugoslavia.

(c) A majority of the scholars sent abroad are holding jobs in India. For the rest, assistance in finding suitable employment is extended through the National Register Unit and also departmentally.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know what is this 'Bilateral Basis' and what is the country-wise break-

up of the figure 38 given by the hon. Minister?

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SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: Sir, the programmes for Exchange of Scholars on Bilateral Basis as we call them, are either in pursuance of a cultural agreement or as a result of a specific exchange proposal received from a foreign country. Under this scheme, Sir, for 1963 Ceylon has offered 10 places, Greece 2 places, Poland 2 places, the U.A.R. 9 places, the U.S.S.R. 52 places and Yugoslavia 10 places.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: My question has not been replied to. I wanted the country-wise break-up of this figure 38 for 1962.

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I have given it for 1963 but I can give it for 1962 also. It is as follows:

Ceylon ....	Nil
Poland ....	2
Greece ....	1
The U.A.R. .	9
The U.S.S.R. ...	52
Yugoslavia ...	10

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: May I know whether any political discrimination is practised in the matter of selection of scholars?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I think the hon. Member is suffering from an illusion.

SHRI D. B. DESAI: May I know the basis or the procedure that is followed to select scholars?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: The procedure, I think, is known to this House. All the scholarships are advertised in all the important newspapers throughout India. Special Selection Committees are set up and a short list is made of all those who satisfy the minimum conditions, which is approved by the Chairman of the Selection