

"READING FOR PLEASURE PROJECT" STARTED BY THE CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

*244. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Institute of Education, Delhi has started a scheme known as "Reading for Pleasure Project" and the First National Conference regarding the same was held in 1958 in the Institute; 1

(b) if so, whether the scheme is still in existence; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for its failure?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMATI) : (a) A research project entitled 'Reading for Pleasure' was undertaken by the Central Institute of Education, Delhi, in 1957-58. The Project has been completed. The findings of the Project were placed before the 1st National Conference on Reading held in 1958;

(b) No, Sir;

(c) Does not arise.

CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, DELHI

*245. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Institute of Education, Delhi has made any programme to switch over to Hindi; and

(b) if so, what is that programme?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration.

ANTI-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BY ALL INDIA SERVICE OFFICERS AT BOTANICAL GARDENS, SIBPUR

*246. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received from the West Bengal Government the inquiry report regarding the alleged anti-social activities indulged in by some All India Service officers at the Sibpur Botanical Gardens; and

(b) if so, whether this report has been forwarded to the Union Public Service Commission?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS- (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

CENTRAL PROVINCE MANGANESE ORE COMPANY LIMITED

*247. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lease for the manganese mines in the Nagpur area held by the Central Province Manganese Ore Company Limited expired in March, 1960;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has recommended the continuance of the lease;

(c) the total output of manganese from the mines in the District of Nagpur run by the Central Province Manganese Ore Company during the last five years; and

(d) whether the lease of the said Company in the Nagpur area, is being renewed and if so, on what conditions?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND OIL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) The leases for manganese mines held by Central Province Manganese Ore Company in Nagpur area expired on 31st of March, "1961.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The total output of manganese from mines in Nagpur area held by Central Province Manganese Ore Company during the last five years has been 2,84,770 tonnes.

(d) No, Sir.