

whether any Government aid is being given to it?

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

(a) No grants are being given for research in Astrology. The University Grants Commission is giving grants to the Osmania University for the establishment of a Department of Astronomy and the development of the Nizamiah Observatory. Delhi University has been selected for the establishment of a Department of Astronomy and Astro-physics.

(b) Government have no knowledge about the Astronomical Society of India, Lucknow.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, if any grants have been given for opening libraries for astronomical and astrological studies?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has been trying to keep clear of astrology. You are mixing up the two.

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: No grants have been given, as I said. The Ministry as such do not give any grants, but the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research gave some money to the Calendar Reform Committee. That perhaps led to the collection of some books. I do not know if it is regarded as a library. The University Grants Commission has decided to develop the department of astro-physics and astronomy in the University of Delhi. Again, libraries will be built. I do not know what more the hon. Member has in mind.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: The question is whether the Government has given any grant for the development of astrology as such?

MR. CHAIRMAN: What they are interested in is this: You are giving to astro-physics, that is intelligible; you are giving to astronomy, that is equally intelligible. But have you given any grant for astro-

logical investigations? That is what they want to know.

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: The very first sentence of my reply was: 'No grants are being given for research in astrology.'

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, whether the Sanskrit Universities which are carrying on the study of astrology are receiving any grants from the Government of India?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I have no information about any Sanskrit University. This question should be addressed to the Ministry of Education.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Is it a fact that some astrologers are consulted prior to the opening of some of the projects?

(No. reply)

RE-ORGANISATION OF COMMERCE COURSES

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

(a) whether a joint committee of the Inter-University Board, the All-India Council for Technical Education and the University Grants Commission has been constituted to examine the question of re-organisation and development of University and non-University Commerce courses; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): (a) and (b). A High-Powered Committee, including representatives of the Inter-University Board and the University Grants Commission is being constituted to survey the whole field of Commercial Education, and to suggest an integrated pattern of Education in this field at all levels. It is not possible at this stage to indicate the time when the report may be expected.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, the personnel of the Committee?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: It is being constituted and, therefore, even though invitations have been issued we cannot give the names of the persons at this stage.

NON-REPRESENTATION OF THE SCHEDULED CASTES OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR IN THE LOK SABHA

*227. SHRI P. N. RAJABHOJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that seats have not been reserved in the Lok Sabha for the Scheduled Castes of the State of Jammu and Kashmir in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution; if so,

(b) what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) what action Government are taking for giving such representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): (a) It is correct that no seats have been reserved in the Lok Sabha for Scheduled Castes from Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) On population basis the quota for Scheduled Castes people is a small fraction of one;

(c) Does not arise.

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या मंत्री महोदय बता सकते हैं कि काश्मीर में शिड्यूलड कास्ट लोगों की संख्या कितनी है और उनको कितने सीट कानून के अनुसार मिल सकते हैं ?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: There has been no regular census since 1941 in Jammu and Kashmir. But roughly the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has estimated the Scheduled Caste popula-

tion at 1,56,000, as against the total population of 44 lakhs.

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि उनको कानून से कितने सीट्स मिल सकते हैं ?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: On this basis they would get about one half.

DISTRIBUTION OF POWER AND WATER FROM RIHAND DAM

*228. SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been reached by the representatives of the Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh regarding the distribution of power and water from the Rihand Dam, and

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): (a) and (b). The matter was considered at the second meeting of the Central Zonal Council and a Committee has been appointed by the Council to examine it.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the promise made by the U. P. Government for the supply of 10,000 kilowatt power to the erstwhile Government of Vindhya Pradesh is not being agreed upon now?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: I should not be asked general questions about this Rihand irrigation and electricity scheme. This question is concerned only with what has taken place in the Zonal Council and I have stated that they have appointed a Committee.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, the personnel of the Committee.