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HEALTH EDUCATION SCHEME IN SCHOOL

*125. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under consideration by Government to introduce Health Education in schools; and

(b) if so, what are the broad details of this scheme?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An expert committee is being set up for the purpose.

HOSTELS FOR STUDENTS

*130. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission or Government have any proposal to have a Central Plan for building hostels for students in the country; and

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

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Interest Free Loans and Grants for Construction of Hostels for Students

The University Grants Commission have decided to give interest-free loans repayable in 25 instalments to State universities for the construction of universities and grants to Central hostels under the Second Five Year Plan, within the funds at its disposal.

The Government of India also have under their consideration a scheme under the Second Five Year Plan for giving interest-free loans for the construction of hostels for students in the country, to affiliated colleges (including constituent colleges but excluding those which come within the purview of the University Grants Commission), Secondary Educational Institutions, Teachers Training Institutions and Basic and Social Educational Institutions. These loans will be given to the institutions through the State Governments. The scheme has not yet been finalised.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES FOR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

69. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state the names of the universities which have accepted the recommendation made by the General Education Study Team regarding the introduction of General Education Courses as a compulsory subject for University Examinations?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): The universities are examining the report and will then meet in Regional Conferences to discuss the recommendations made by the General Education Study Team. They will send their views only after the Regional Conferences have met.

J.C.O.S. RECRUITED IN THE LAST WAR

70. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Junior Commissioned Officers were recruited in the country during the last war;

(b) how many of them are still in service; and

(c) how many of them have been given benefits of permanent service?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA):

(a) Information regarding the number of J.C.O.s. who were recruited during the last war is not readily available. The collection of the information will involve expenditure of time and labour which will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to disclose this information.

(c) All the J.C.O.s. who were recruited during the last war and are in service now are employed on a substantive basis.

OFFICERS IN POSSESSION OF PROPERTIES BEYOND THEIR MEANS

71. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases in which officers of the Government of India were found to be in possession of properties much beyond their means came to the notice of Government after 1952; and

(b) what steps were taken against such officers?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix XV, Annexure No. 43.]

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION

72. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) which recommendations made by the Assessment Committee on Basic Education have been accepted by Government; and

(b) what will be the financial implications if those recommendations are put into effect?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) The Majority of the recommendations made by the Assessment Committee on basic education are intended for implementation by the State Governments and have been brought to their notice. Of the recommendations concerning the Government of India, the following have been accepted and implemented by them and the rest are under consideration:—

(i) Obtaining the approval of the Central Advisory Board of Education to the statement on the concept of Basic Education issued by the Basic Education Standing Committee and its adoption by the Union Ministry of Education.

(ii) Holding a Conference of Education Ministers.

(iii) Establishment of a Central Research Institute of Basic Education.

(iv) Bringing out a brochure on the subject of progressive conversion of all elementary schools into basic schools.

(b) It has been estimated that an expenditure of about Rs. 15 lakhs will be needed during the Second Five Year Plan on the recommendations that have been already accepted for implementation. As many of the remaining recommendations concerning the Government of India will have to be implemented in co-operation with the State Governments, the expenditure that may be needed to be incurred on them will depend on the financial and personal resources available with the State Governments. In the circumstances it is not possible at this stage to give any estimate in respect of those recommendations.