

(a) if so, whether Government will lay on the Table of the House a statement showing the names of such institutions?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) and (b). The matter primarily concerns the State Governments.

SHRI T. BODRA: May I know why commencement of school work with prayer is prohibited in the Christian Mission Schools in these areas which are in receipt of grants-in-aid, while it is permitted in the non-Christian schools?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Sir, this is a matter which should be referred to the State Governments.

STAFF OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS

*735. SHRI BHERON PRASAD: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the staff of the Technical Institutions run by Central Government are regarded as temporary and are not eligible for pensions; if so, why?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): No, Sir. The staff consists of permanent, contractual and temporary employees. Permanent employees are eligible for pension under the rules, and contractual employees for Contributory Provident Fund. Only temporary employees are not eligible for pension or for the provident fund.

SURVEY OF COAL DEPOSITS

*736. SHRI A. S. RAJU: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any survey of the Godavari Basin and the Agency Tracts in Andhra and Hyderabad States to find out coal deposits; and

(b) if so, with what results?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) and (b). A statement giving the available information is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The survey of the Godavari valley coal fields have been done at various times commencing from the end of the last century and the early years of this century. Some detailed mapping of coal fields within the Hyderabad State particularly Singareni, Kothagudem and Tandur has been undertaken by the Geological Survey of India during the last 3 years. Further work by drilling of coalfields in the Godavari district in Andhra State is envisaged. A general summary of the coalfields in the Godavari valley falling within the former State of Madras is given in Volume 80 of the Memoirs of the Geological Survey of India.

The investigations conducted have indicated possibilities of finding deposits of coal in the area. The extent of the deposits and reserves will be known after test drilling.

SHRI A. S. RAJU: In view of the fact that the investigations so far conducted have indicated a definite possibility of the presence of deposits of coal in that area, will the hon. Parliamentary Secretary be pleased to state whether Government is going to conduct further enquiries and investigations and expedite the whole programme to work these mines and also tell us what time will be required for this?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Government have already conducted certain investigations in the field season of 1953-54 and further investigations will be carried in the year 1954-55.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The questions are over.