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Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee - Appointment of Director

The Department of External Affairs announced today that Dr. Veni Shanker Jha has been appointed as Director of the Commonwealth Education Liaison Unit in London.

The Commonwealth Education Liaison Unit was set up as a result of a recommendation of the Commonwealth Education Conference held in Oxford last July. The Unit will receive information on the programmes and other activities arising from the Commonwealth Education Conference, will report periodically to all member countries and in general perform duties for the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee which is composed of representatives of all member countries of the Commonwealth and Nigeria and one member for the colonial territories.

Dr. Jha is Vice-Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University and a member of the Central Advisory Board of Education in India. He was Head of the Indian delegation at the Second Regional Conference of the National Commission for UNESCO in Asian countries held in Manila in January 1960. He has been associated with several educational reforms and educational planning in India.

Mr. E.H. Simpson of the United Kingdom Ministry of Education has been appointed as assistant to Dr. Jha.