

primary education; other bodies associated with the administration of primary education; private schools (finance); democratic decentralisation, compulsory education etc. These are the main headings.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether the State Governments have been associated with the Study Group in any way?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The State Governments have been addressed, and information has also been received except from Madras and the Union Territories except Tripura. The main findings of the study will be published in the second year-book which is published by the Ministry of Education.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: How long will it take for this Study Group to submit its report?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: I am hoping that some time during the course of the year, the year-book will be published.

Iron and Steel for Small Industries

*1075. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special efforts are being made to meet the demands for iron and steel of the small scale industrialists; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 25.]

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I know whether in actual practice only one-third of the quota which is supplied on a first priority basis is received by the small-scale industries and the rest of the quota is never received by them?

Shri C. Subramaniam: It depends upon the availability of the goods asked for. As the hon. Member is aware, there has been decontrol in respect of many of the categories, and sufficient quantities are available in those categories. With regard to certain categories, there is bound to be a shortfall.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I know which special categories are in short supply, and what efforts are being made by Government to increase their supply?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Some categories of sheets and wires are in short supply, and every effort is being made to step up the production of these categories also.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: What is the quantum of shortage which cannot be met by indigenous production? Is any effort being made to import that stuff, so that the small-scale industries keep going?

Shri C. Subramaniam: That is a question which relates to the small-scale industries, and which goes into the production aspect of the various steel mills in the various categories. I suggest that a separate question might be put.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether the foreign exchange made available during the year 1961-62, to which the statement also refers, has been fully utilised by the small-scale industry units for the import of the necessary steel items?

Shri C. Subramaniam: The allotment has been made for the purpose of importing certain steel items, and it has been utilised.

Shri Tyagi: May I know whether there have been instances where people who had received the quota had sold it away in the blackmarket instead of using it themselves, and if so, whether Government are going to pass any law whereby such sort of practices can be declared as illegal?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Even now, there is a law to penalise these people, and if these abuses are detected, action can be taken even now.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Some time back, the All India Small-scale Industries Board had passed a resolution and had decided that supply depots should be opened in order to enable the small-scale industries to get their quotas at nearer places. May I know whether those depots have been opened by now?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I would like to have notice of that question.

Shri Bade rose—

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri Bade: I have always been trying to catch your ears and your eyes. May I ask one supplementary question?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member wants to catch me by the ear rather than by the eye.

Regional Languages as Media of Instruction

*1077. **Shri A. S. Saigal:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the use of regional languages as media of instruction in the Universities has stood in the way of emotional integration of the nation;

(b) if so, whether educational institutions have been advised to implement the three language formula which has been put forward by the recent National Integration Conference; and

(c) if not, what further action Government are taking for its early implementation for promoting national integration?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 26].

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Dose not arise.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: The statement laid on the Table says that

"In any event, the standard of teaching both in Hindi and in English should be improved and maintained at a high level in schools and colleges."

Is the House to understand that the standard of teaching in English and in Hindi has noticeably fallen in schools and colleges in recent years, and continues to fall, and if so, what measures do Government propose to adopt to improve the standard of teaching?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: Government are always anxious to improve the standard. And, we can never reach the ideal standard. There must be a continuous process of improvement.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: My question has not been answered. The first part of my question was whether the standard has fallen.

Mr. Speaker: Whether the standard has fallen and whether any measures are being taken.

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: In English there has been deterioration of standard. I accept that. And, in Hindi, of course, there was not much deterioration and the question of fall in standard does not arise. Government have taken various measures to improve the standard of English.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: On a point of order, Sir. The statement laid on the Table says that it should be improved. By implication does it not mean that it is not as good as it should be?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: That I have already explained to the hon. Member that this question of improvement is a continuous process. You cannot be satisfied with the standard at any time. And, all over the world there