

Student Houses for Calcutta University

2548. Shri Subodh Hansda: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to construct two student houses by the Calcutta University has finally been considered;

(b) if not, when this will be finally considered;

(c) what is the total estimated cost of these two houses; and

(d) what percentage will be borne by the University Grants Commission?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) No, Sir.

(b) When a suitable proposal is received from the Calcutta University.

(c) Rs. 7 lakhs.

(d) The Commission's assistance is on a basis of a ceiling of Rs. 2.5 lakhs against an estimated cost of Rs. 3.5 lakhs for each of these two houses.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में हिन्दी जानने वाले कर्मचारी

२५४९. श्री प्रकाश वीर शास्त्री : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश प्रशासन के कार्यालयों में कितने अफसर तथा कर्मचारी हिन्दी जानते हैं और कितने नहीं जानते ;

(ख) इनमें से जो व्यक्ति हिन्दी नहीं जानते उनको हिन्दी सिखाने की क्या व्यवस्था की गई है और उसके अन्तर्गत इस समय कितने व्यक्ति हिन्दी सीख रहे हैं ; और

(ग) इनमें से जो व्यक्ति हिन्दी जानते हैं उनको हिन्दी में कार्य करने के क्या अवसर प्रदान किये गये हैं तथा अन्य और क्या अवसर किस प्रकार प्रदान किए जाने वाले हैं ?

गृह-कार्य मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री वातार) :

(क) हिन्दी जानने वाले कर्मचारियों की संख्या १४,७९० है तथा हिन्दी न जानने वालों की ९५२ है ।

(ख) इस मन्त्रालय की हिन्दी शिक्षण योजना के अर्थों जो सुविधायें हैं वे हिमाचल प्रदेश प्रशासन के कर्मचारियों के लिए भी दे दी गई हैं । आजकल शिमला में इस प्रशासन के ३७ कर्मचारी हिन्दी शिक्षण प्राप्त कर रहे हैं ।

(ग) भारत सरकार के कामकाज में हिन्दी के उत्तमतर प्रयोग के लिये मार्च, १९६१ में जो योजना जारी की गई थी, उसे आवश्यक बदल-बदल के साथ हिमाचल प्रदेश प्रशासन ने अपना लिखा है ।

Import of Horses/Males

2550. Shri S. P. Singh: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that horses and mules are being imported from abroad for the use of our armed forces;

(b) if so, the number of such animals imported during the last three years;

(c) how many of these animals were meant for breeding purposes and how many for general use;

(d) what incentive and encouragement is being given to the breeders in this country; and

(e) when such imports from foreign countries are expected to be stopped?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It will not be in the public interest to disclose the number of animals imported during the last three years. However, these include 168 animals for breeding purposes.

(d) Apart from the various steps taken by the Ministry of Food and

Agriculture and various State Governments to promote equine breeding generally, the following measures are taken by the Ministry of Defence by way of incentive and encouragement to breeders:—

- (i) free service of Army's quality stallions to brood mares of private breeders;
 - (ii) free technical advice in regard to the maintenance and upkeep of the breeders' stock;
 - (iii) purchase of foals from the mares of private breeders in the open market at competitive prices; and
 - (iv) organisation of Fairs and Shows and award of prizes to the breeders.
- (e) It is not possible to say at this stage when imports of animals can be stopped; but the policy of Government is to promote breeding in the country and several measures have in recent years been taken to this end.

Excavations in Ghaggar Valley

2551. **Shri Bishwanath Roy:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recent excavations in the bed of the Ghaggar Valley in Rajasthan have revealed several sites of historic antiquity; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are available in "Indian Archaeology—A review" 1960-61 (pages 31-32).

Pakistani Nationals overstaying in India

2552. **Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 23 Pakistani nationals who came to India

last year on regular visas have overstayed and gone underground as reported in the Amrita Bazar Patrika dated 25th April 1962 (Calcutta morning edition); and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to find them out and arrest them?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, as soon as it is available.

Conversion of Scheduled Caste Hindus to Christianity

2553. **Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been mass scale conversion of Scheduled Caste Hindus to Christianity in the Ranchi area; and

(b) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a manifesto issued by the Christian Missionaries in which they want to bring the Scheduled Tribes and the Scheduled Castes under the care of Mother Mary?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) No.

(b) No such manifesto has come to the notice of Government.

South Indian Languages in North Indian Universities

2554. **Shri Umanath:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of teaching South Indian languages in North Indian universities has been implemented in the North Indian universities;

(b) if so, the names of the universities where these languages have been introduced and the names of languages in each university;