

शिक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य-मन्त्री (श्री भागवत झा आजाद) : (क) मध्यप्रदेश में तीसरी आयोजना के अन्त तक 6-10, 11-13 तथा 14-16 आयु वर्ग के नामांकन की प्रतिशतता अनुमानतः 54, 23 और 11 थी जब कि अखिल भारतीय प्रतिशतता क्रमशः 79, 32 और 18 के लगभग थी। 1961 की जन गणना के अनुसार जब कि देश की साक्षर प्रतिशतता 23.7 थी तो मध्य प्रदेश के लिए यह संख्या केवल 16.9 थी। मध्य प्रदेश स्पष्टतः देश में शिक्षा की दृष्टि से पिछड़ हुए राज्यों में से एक है।

(ख) जी नहीं। मध्य प्रदेश सरकार की सहायता के लिए कोई विशिष्ट योजना तैयार नहीं की जा रही है।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Appointment of Judges in High Courts

*1410. **Shri Sri Chand Goel:**
Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has observed that in the appointments of the High Court Judges, considerations other than merit influenced the appointments;

(b) if so, the steps that Government have taken to improve the state of affairs; and

(c) whether the Law Commission had also recommended that Bar should be the main recruiting ground for the appointment of High Court Judges; if so, the steps taken by Government to implement the above recommendation?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government do not agree with this observation of the Law Commission and there is no reason

for any feeling in any quarter about these appointments having been influenced by extraneous considerations.

(c) Government have not accepted this recommendation. Appointments to the High Courts are made solely on considerations of merit.

Commissions and Committees

6673. **Shri A. B. Vajpayee:**
Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:
Shri Yajna Datt Sharma:
Shri R. S. Vidyarthi:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Commissions/Committees set up by Government during the last 5 years;

(b) the number of such Commissions Committees whose recommendations were not accepted by Government; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone Exchange in Gujarat

6674. **Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:**
 Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of automatic telephone exchanges proposed to be opened in the Gujarat circle of the Posts and Telegraphs Department during the remaining period of the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of automatic exchanges opened in the State since the new State came into being; and

(c) the number of telephone connections served by them and those to be served by the new ones?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and