

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) The Commission has visited the States of Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Tripura and Assam and is presently visiting the State of Karnataka.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Commission has indicated that it would not be possible for them to submit report within its present term which is upto 30-6-1985 and has sought extension of the term for a further period of one year.

#### Palace of Hazarduar, Murshidabad

2378. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the "Palace of Hazarduar" Murshidabad is collapsing for lack of maintenance;

(b) if so, steps being taken to preserve this historical monument; and

(c) whether the Ministry of Tourism will also be associated with it to promote tourism ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND CULTURE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Archaeological Survey of India has been undertaking conservation repairs to the Palace since April 1975.

(c) There is no such proposal at present but a large number of visitors have been visiting the Palace.

#### Appointment of Hindi Officers in Indian Missions Abroad

2379. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hindi Officers have recently been appointed in various Indian Missions abroad;

(b) if so, the names of Missions where the appointments have been made; and

(c) the functions assigned to these officers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Three posts of Hindi Officers were created in February 1983, for our Missions in Georgetown, London and Paramaribo. These were in addition to existing posts of Hindi Officers in Port Louis, Port-of-Spain and Suva. All Hindi Officers in the above posts are in position.

(c) These are, inter alia,

(i) To propagate Hindi abroad;

(ii) To help the Missions in implementing Governments orders on Official Language;

(iii) To arrange cultural Programme;

(iv) To explore possibilities of exchange of eminent scholars;

(v) To aid and advise Universities in starting classes in Hindi, Indian languages and Indology;

(vi) To prepare speeches for visiting VIPs from India;

(vii) To bring out news bulletins in Hindi;

(viii) To assists in arranging Hindi classes and managing libraries, and information centres;

(xi) Delivering lectures and looking after Education work in the Mission;

(x) Liaison with local media.

[Translation]

#### Labourers Prevented from Going to Punjab

2380. SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item appearing in daily 'Jansatta'