

[English]

Appointment of Foreign Nationals in Indian Universities

2734. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT :
SMT. KISHORI SINHA :
SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that certain fresh restrictions have been imposed by Government in regard to appointment of foreign nationals in Indian Universities and their research programmes ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and reasons thereof ;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure compliance of Government instructions in this regard by the universities ; and

(d) whether these restrictions are likely to affect the academic freedom ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (d) : The instructions followed by the Government of India in regard to the procedure to be observed in respect of foreign scholars visiting India under

various programmes including appointment of foreign nationals in Indian universities and their research programmes have recently been consolidated to facilitate easy references and brought to the notice of Vice-Chancellors of all universities/deemed universities etc. for their guidance/compliance. The universities have been requested to obtain prior clearance of the Government of India for appointment of foreign nationals and for research projects to be undertaken by foreign scholars. Under the prescribed procedure visa forentry into India in respect of such foreign nationals is issued by the Indian Missions abroad after such proposals have been approved by the Government of India.

Expenditure of Developing Languages

2735. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state the total expenditure incurred during the last three years to develop Hindi as well as other languages of our country with year-wise and language-wise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : The year-wise and language-wise details of expenditure incurred by the Ministry of Education during the last three years to develop Hindi as well other languages of our country are as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
Hindi	164.23	321.59	393.59
Sanskrit	254.25	306.58	346.04
Urdu	26.07	30.21	40.33
Sindhi	3.10	3.20	4.00
Other Modern Indian Languages	131.19	143.87	170.31

Sprinkler Irrigation Scheme

2736. SHRIMATI BASAVA-RAJESHWARI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received proposal from the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development to the effect that the subsidy to large farmers for sprinkler irrigation be withdrawn and also to