

(a) whether some proposals on education policy were discussed at the recently held National Integration Council; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard by Government especially in the context of the new policy of Government on Navodaya Schools ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages migration of 20 per cent of students from each Navodaya Vidyalaya to another Navodaya Vidyalaya in a different linguistic region. The migration will be, approximately speaking, between Hindi-speaking and non-Hindi speaking districts. In the Hindi-speaking districts, the third language taught in a Navodaya Vidyalaya would be language of the 20 per cent students migrating to that Vidyalaya from a Non-Hindi region. This language will be compulsory. In the non-Hindi regions, Navodaya Vidyalayas will follow the normal Three Language Formula, viz., regional language, Hindi and English with Hindi/English as medium from class VIII or IX.

Further, the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages that National integration should inform the activity of the Government and the people alike. One way of bringing this about is to orient the education of boys and girls towards National integration at an early age. One important vehicle of integration is the core curriculum adumbrated in the new Education Policy. The core curriculum would naturally and inevitably contain, Cultural, social and historical inputs from all regions of the country and contribution from the States in ample measure. Another important measure is the opportunity afforded to students, at an impressionable age, to live and learn along with their peers from States other than their own and to get acquainted with, and motivated by, experiences of national integration in action. In higher and technical education, mobility of students across the country is another crucial factor.

[Translation]

Rerouting of D.T.C. Buses

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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Transport Corporation had changed the routes of their buses in the Trans-Yamuna area of Delhi in the recent past;

(b) if so the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the new routes were not convenient to the local commuters and the Corporation has restored the old routes;

(d) if so, the shortcomings found in this new experiment; and

(e) the total expenditure incurred by the Delhi Transport Corporation on chalking out this new scheme indicating the payment made to the private Company entrusted with the work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The changes on some routes were a part of route rationalisation undertaken by DTC in Trans-Yamuna area.

(c) and (d). The majority of the residents of Trans-Yamuna area did not respond favourably to the new pattern of bus routes. The principal short-comings as observed from public reaction were either the shifting of starting point of bus routes, or changing via.

(e) Out of total agreed charges of Rs. 1.61 lakhs (Rs. 1.45 lakhs as consultancy fee and Rs. 0.16 lakhs as cost of computer time) a sum of Rs. 67,000/- has been paid to National Council of Applied Economics and Research to whom the study had been entrusted by Delhi Transport Corporation,