

[*Translation*]

Disappearance of Arabic and Persian Manuscripts from Research Institute of Tonk

1428. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rare Arabic and Persian manuscripts have disappeared mysteriously from the Research Institute of Tonk ;

(b) whether Government have conducted any inquiry into the disappearance of the said documents ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) Facts received from Government of Rajasthan are as follows :—

On the basis of available information, two documents viz. Scroll and Farman, reportedly private property of the Smt. Azizum Nisan Begum, borrowed for displaying in the Rajasthan Arabic & Persian Research Institute Tonk, were given to one Shri Azizulhaq temporarily by the Director of the Institute on a written permission of the owner of the documents after obtaining proper receipt. Since these two documents were not being returned to the owner, an F.I.R. was lodged in the Police Station, Tonk. The matter is under investigation of the police and both the articles mentioned above are in the custody of police.

[*English*]

Delay in Indian Airlines flights

1429. SHRI D. P. JADEJA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are monitoring delays in flights of Indian Airlines ;

(b) whether it is a fact that all our major airports are inadequate to accommodate passengers when flights are delayed ; and

(c) whether any directions have been issued to Airport Managements to sort out public problems in such instances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Flights are regularly monitored and analysed with the objective of minimising delays

(b) No, Sir. However, on a few occasions there is congestion at major airports arising out of delayed flights

(c) Yes, Sir.

Lessons in Schools on Harmful Effects of Smoking

1430. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce lessons at middle, higher secondary and senior higher secondary courses regarding the harmful effects of smoking and smack ; and

(b) whether Government would also include lessons which would impart Gandhian ideas to the children at the primary, middle and higher secondary levels ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Lessons highlighting the harmful effects of smoking, alcoholism and drug addiction already exist in the science curricula for Secondary and Senior Secondary stage.

(b) Gandhian ideals are emphasised in the syllabus for schools in History, Civics and language text books. The Gandhian ideals are also covered under the value education.