

(b) if so, when it will be done?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Yes.

(b) The process of integration is going on and has been completed in some States already.

Shri Gidwani: The Minister had stated that the process of integration has been completed in some of the States. May I know what the position is with regard to the Centre?

Shri Satish Chandra: Gradually, the posts on the custodians' side are being reduced, and corresponding posts on the settlement side are being created. The process is going on both in the States as well as at the Centre.

BUDDHA JAYANTI

***1444. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dalai Lama of Tibet has been invited by the Government of India on the occasion of 2,500th anniversary celebrations of Lord Buddha; and

(b) if so, whether he has accepted the invitation?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). The Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama were invited by the Government of India along with a number of other Buddhists of China through the Chinese Government. The Chinese Government have in reply indicated that the Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama would be unable to attend because of heavy work and three others from among the names suggested are too old or too busy to accept the invitation. They have, however, added that in view of the long traditional Buddhist ties between India and China, the Buddhist Association of China would be glad to send a Buddhist delegation of eight noted Buddhist leaders including 3 suggested by us.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know whether the programme of the delegation is arranged in such a way as to include their visit to all the important Buddhist religious places?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Programme of which delegation?

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know whether the programme in connection with their visit will include visits to all the important Buddhist religious places in India?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: These invitations are being issued by the Government of India at the instance of the Buddha Jayanti Committee, of which the Vice-President is the chairman. It is proposed to have a seminar and a cultural exhibition in October-November next. For the seminar and for the exhibition, noted Buddhist scholars have been invited, about a hundred, I think, from various parts of the world, apart from Indian scholars. When those scholars come, no doubt, arrangements will be made for them to visit places of Buddhist pilgrimage or historically or culturally important places. Each individual case may be dealt with separately, but the question has not arisen yet.

SCRIPT FOR TRIBAL LANGUAGES

***1445. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee has been set up to lay down the script that will be suitable for the Tribal languages in N. E. F. A.; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far by the Committee?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika): (a) An *ad hoc* fact finding Committee has been set up which is now studying tribal intonations and collecting data about the suitability of writing them in Devanagari. A script committee will later go into their findings to ascertain if

any simplification or modification of Devanagari is necessary for tribal languages.

(b) The Committee's work is in progress but has not yet been finished.

Shri D. C. Sharma : May I know the names of the members who constitute this committee, and whether all the tribal languages, which, we were told the other day in the House, change every eight or ten miles, are represented on this committee?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I cannot give the names of the members of this committee. But how can the hon. Member expect a representation of every dialect in the area? In fact, it is difficult to find any representatives.

Shrimati Khongmen : May I know the script used at present in those areas?

Shri C. D. Pande : Roman script.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : At the present moment, as far as I can remember, in some parts, the Devanagari script is used; in other parts, the Latin script is used; that is, it was used previously, and it is continuing to be used. It is gradually being replaced in some places by the Devanagari script. But it is to consider all these matters that the committee has been appointed.

Shri D. C. Sharma : May I know how long it will take for the fact-finding committee to gather the requisite data, and what kind of a committee will be constituted after that to sift the data and to come to some conclusions?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : No idea.

SOUTH AFRICAN IMMIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL

***1446. Pandit C. N. Malviya :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of South Africa have introduced the Immigration Amendment Bill; and

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(b) if so, the object of the Bill?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) According to press reports, the main object of the Bill is to give the South African Minister of the Interior wide powers to deport "undesirable persons" from the Union. The Bill will also seek to make a number of administrative amendments to the existing immigration laws.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

INDIAN MISSIONS ABROAD

***1421. Shri D. C. Sharma :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian political Missions upgraded; and

(b) the names of countries where they have been upgraded?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (b) A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 31].

INDO-PAKISTAN BORDER OF RAJASTHAN

***1424. Shri Wodeyar :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Police have extended little co-operation to the Indian Police on the Indo-Pakistan border of the Rajasthan side in getting the notorious dacoits arrested;

(b) the number of dacoits of Rajasthan who have taken refuge in the Pakistan territory;

(c) whether any Conference on top level was held between the police Officers of Rajasthan and Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?