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HINDI IN TRIBAL AREAS

2147. Shri Deogam: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribal areas are considered as non-Hindi speaking regions since tribals speak their own respective dialects;

(b) if so, whether any special schemes are launched by Government to propagate Hindi in tribal areas;

(c) the amount sanctioned so far for propagation of Hindi among the tribal people; and

(d) the names of places in different states where the special scheme for propagation of Hindi has been launched?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) N.E.F. which is the only tribal area with which the Government of India is concerned is a non-Hindi speaking region.

(b) and (c). Sums of Rs. 13877/8/- and Rs. 67,028 were sanctioned during the years 1954-55 and 1955-56 respectively, for the promotion of Hindi in N.E.F.

(d) Pasighat, Tuensang and Margherita in N.E.F. State Governments are concerned with other tribal areas in this respect.

NOTE—*Vide* footnote below column 3856.

This answer was later corrected by the Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar) *vide* Part I Debates dated 18-7-56, Cols 152-154 as follows:

"Our requirements are about 20 times a year. Therefore we cannot accommodate others."