

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) An application for financial assistance to the Orissa State Museum has been received from the State Government.

(b) No financial assistance has been given to any museum during 1955-56 and 1956-57.

(c) The University Grants Commission does not give any financial assistance to State Museums.

Purchasers Outside India

(Whether the cheques are encashable in India or outside India).

Purchasers Inside India.

(a) On cheques encashable outside India.

(b) On cheques encashable within India only.

Hindi

625. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central grants sanctioned for the propagation of Hindi to the different States during 1967-68 so far;

(b) the amount actually utilised by each State; and

(c) the reasons given by the State Governments for non-utilisation of the funds in full?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 50.]

(b) and (c). This information can be supplied only after the close of the current financial year.

Tourism in Andamans

626. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be

Rupee Travellers' Cheques

624. { Shri N. R. Munisamy:
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state what is the amount charged as commission on the issue of Rupee Traveller's Cheques?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): The rates of commission charged to purchasers of the State Bank of India Travellers' Cheques are as follows:—

‡ of one per cent of the Indian currency sold—subject to a minimum of Rs. 3/-.

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‡ per cent—subject to a minimum of Re. 1/-.

pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government is considering a proposal to encourage tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): Proposals for encouraging tourism in the Islands are awaited from the Administration.

Hindi Numerals

627. Shri N. R. Munisamy: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) in how many cases the use of Devanagari form of numerals in the place of international form of numerals in all Government of India's publications has been permitted under Article 343(2);

(b) the nature of these publications; and

(c) the general policy of the use of International numerals in the Union?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). Under the proviso to Article 343(2) the President may authorise the