

been no report about the accidents on these bridges from the State Government.

(e) Does not arise.

**Gujral Commission Recommendations
for Promotion of Urdu**

778. PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ :
SHRI ABDUL RASHID KABA-
BULI :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION
AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujral Commission made wide ranging recommendations for the promotion of urdu language and Government had given assurance to implement these recommendations ; and

(b) if so, when Government propose to take effective measures for promotion urdu on the lines suggested by the Gujral Commission ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND
CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE
(SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b)
A Statement is attached.

Statement

The Gujral Committee Report was received in the Ministry of Education and Culture in May, 1975. It runs into 269 pages and contains 187 recommendations covering a wide spectrum.

The Gujral Committee report was placed before the Cabinet on 30-1-1979 and was laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament on 21st February, 1979. The Cabinet decided that since most of the recommendations of the report would have to be implemented by the States, copies of the report may be sent to the State Governments for their views. Accordingly, copies of the Gujral Committee Report were made available to all the State Governments/Union Territories and the Institutions concerned for the examination of the recommendations

and to send their views to the Ministry. The major recommendations of the Gujral Committee report include the amendment of three language formula, use of Urdu for official purposes where there are 10% or more speakers of Urdu and to provide adequate safeguards for linguistic minorities.

On the recommendation of Tarraqi-e-Urdu Board, an advisory body to advise the Government on the academic matters, concerning Urdu, in its meeting held on 4.6-1979, a Sub-Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. A. A. Suroor, the then Vice-Chairman of Tarraqi-e-Urdu Board by the Ministry of Education and Culture to consider those recommendations which can be implemented by the Ministry of Education. In the meeting of Tarraqi-e-Urdu Board held on 20-5-1980, it was decided to enlarge the scope of this Committee so as to cover all ministries/departments of the Union Government and to seek their comments on the various recommendations. Effective steps were taken to obtain the comments of the State Governments and union territories and other concerned organisations.

The Sub-Committee headed by Prof. A. A. Suroor met six times, besides convening of departmental meetings of the representatives of Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Railway Board, Election Commission, Registrar General of India and Ministry of Education to discuss the relevant recommendations.

It may be mentioned that a number of recommendations of the Gujral Committee report have already been implemented, some of which are mentioned below:-

- (i) Increasing the frequency and duration of Urdu programme at Radio and Television.
- (ii) Publication of "Yojana", a fortnightly magazine in Urdu.
- (iii) Publication of Railway Time Table in Urdu.

- (iv) Printing of Money Order and VPP forms in Urdu.
- (v) Names of Railway Stations to be indicated in Urdu in Urdu speaking areas.
- (vi) Printing of census information/papers, forms in Urdu for use in Delhi and J and K.
- (vii) State Governments have been allowed by the Registrar General to print the report or paper concerning census after obtaining their permission.
- (viii) Electoral Rolls in Urdu have been printed specially in Urdu areas.
- (ix) Publication of Urdu version of the constitution of India and translation and preparation of important Central Acts in collaboration with State of Jammu and Kashmir.
- (x) Strengthening of the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu.

The Suroor Sub-Committee submitted its report to the Chairman, Tarraqi-e-Urdu Board on 12-11-1982.

The Tarraqi-e-Urdu Board in its meeting held on 7-1-1983 recommended that the report be first referred to the Standing Committee of the Board before it is discussed in the main body. Accordingly, a meeting of Sub-Committee was convened on 10-5-1983 but the Committee deferred the consideration of the Report to the next meeting.

After the Sub-Committee report has been considered in the Standing Committee and the Tarraqi-e-Urdu Board, it will be considered by the Government of India.

It will thus be seen that the whole matter is under the active consideration of the Government and it is not possible to indicate the time when all these recommendations will be implemented.

मथुरा और निजामुद्दीन के बीच कुतुब एक्सप्रेस का यात्रा समय

779. श्री राम नाथ दुबे : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कुतुब एक्सप्रेस निजामुद्दीन से मथुरा पहुंचने में शाम को केवल दो घंटे लेती है और जबलपुर से आने वाली कुतुब एक्सप्रेस मथुरा से निजामुद्दीन पहुंचने में सुबह के समय तीन घंटे लेती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो समय में इस अन्तर के क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खां चौधरी) : (क) 149 जबलपुर-निजामुद्दीन कुतुब नर्वदा एक्सप्रेस मथुरा से निजामुद्दीन तक की दूरी के लिए 2 घंटे 43 मिनट का समय लेती है जबकि दूसरी दिशा में इसकी जुड़वां गाड़ी 2 घंटे 2 मिनट का समय लेती है।

(ख) चालन-समय में 41 मिनट के अन्तर की व्यवस्था अप्रत्याशित विलम्ब को पूरा करने के लिए यात्रा के अन्तिम चरण में यातायात के रिकवरी समय के लिए है।

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780. श्री हरीश रावत : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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