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Written Answers

Vivekananda's Ideas Dear to Soviets

5018. SHRI N.K. SHEJWALKAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards a news item published in the "Deccan Chronicle" dated 10 September, 1983 under the heading 'Vivekananda's ideas dear to Soviets';

(b) if so, who were the participants at the 120th anniversary which was celebrated in Soviet Union from the Indian side and Indian diplomats there; and

(c) the details of the contribution made by the Government of India to make the function a success ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) to (c). Government has taken note of the article mentioned in the question by the Hon'ble Member. As per the information available with us, no function to commen.orate the 120th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was held in the Soviet Union in September, 1983. Therefore, the question of participation of Indian diplomats at the function as well as Government's contribution to make it a success did not arise.

Free Medical Help for Rural Poor Scheme

5019. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT : Will the Minister of IIEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Free Medical help for Rural Poor Scheme has achieved tardy progress in M.P. State;

(b) how many Health Guides with Medical Kits are operating and in how many villages of Rahgarh, Vidisha and Guna Districts of M.P. in 1983 and the plans for 1984 and 1985.

(c) how many Primary Health Centres and how many Sub-centres are working according to the norms in the above three districts of M.P. in 1983 and the plans for next 3 years;

(d) whether it is a fact that medical, para-medical and lady doctors staff in the above districts are insufficient and many posts are still vacant;

(e) whether the quantum of medicines supplied to the P.H.C. sub-centres and Medical Kits are far below the requirements; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken to remedy the above deficiencies ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI) : (a) to (f). The information is being collected from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha, when received.

Preservation and Propagation of Oral Tribal Language

5020. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the initiative taken by the Kendriya Sahitya Akademi to encourage the development of oral tribal language and its preservation and propagation ;

(b) whether the Akademi is aware that some tribal languages have got the unique script of their own and number of books have been produced on literature, art, grammar, history, dictionaries, etc. in tribal language;

(c) if so, which are these tribal languages, as far invented the scripts and developed and preserved the oral traditions and culture in better form ; and

(d) whether the Kendriya Sahitya Akademi is going to include these developed tribal languages for awards along with other Indian Languages ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) to (d). The Sahitya Akademi implements a Plan scheme 'documentation and publication of folk literature' on a limited scale. The literary programme implemented by Sahitya Akademi include interalia, Dogri, Maithili, Manipuri and Nepali. Recognition of one more language 'Khasi' is under consideration. Representations have been received for recognition of some other languages including Bhojpuri, Awadhi, Magadhi and Ladakhi.

In the context of the question of recognition of new languages, the Sahitya Akademi is of the view that it is time to look more broadly and deeply into the question, keeping the national perspective in view.

इलेक्ट्रिक इंजन शेड टुंडला में टी० एफ० आर० के वेंतनमान

5021. श्रा दया राम झाक्यः क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की क्रुपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या इलेक्ट्रिक इंजन कोड टुंडला में टी॰ एफ॰ आर॰ 700-900 छपए के वेतनमान में काम कर रहे हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कानपुर, इलाहाबाद और मुगलसराय के इन्जन शेडों में कार्यरत टी० एफ० आर० कर्मवारियों को 840-1040 रुपए के वेतनमान में नियुक्त किए जाने के क्या कारण है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी॰ के॰ जाफर शरीफ): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) प्रघन नहीं उठता क्योंकि कानपुर, इलाहाबाद तथा मुगलसराय शेडों में 840-1040 रु० के ग्रेड में कोई कर्षण फोरमैन रनिंग नहीं है। ये कर्षण फोरमैन रनिंग भी 700 900 रु० के वेतनमान में हैं।

Monthly Lumpsum Rate for Parcels handling Contract at Allahabad

5022. SHRI BALASAHEB PAWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether rates in goods and parcels handling contracts are arrived at on the basis of fair wages laid down by local authorities;

(b) whether the consideration for arriving at a monthly lumpsum rate for parcels handling contract at Allahabad Railway Station are based on Rs. 06.50 per day fair wage and at Allahabad Goods shed based on Rs. 08.00 per day fair wage, when both these contracts were finalised on July, 1981 and allotted from the same date i.e. August 1981 to two different co-operative societies ;

(c) whether representations were made against this disparity to the Divisional Authorities and the vigilance Directorates, if so, remedial measures taken to remove disparity; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) The contracts are normally awarded on the basis of tenders. However in cases of Coop. Societies the rates can be finalised on the basis of negotiation taking into consideration the notified fair wages.

(b) Both the contracts were negotiated on different dates and lumpsum rates were arrived at as agreed to by the Coop. Societies.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The first representation to Railway was, however, made by the society on 14.9.81 when the contract had already come into operation. Fresh contracts with the societies have been finalised in 1983 with both societies on a uniform basis of the extant notified fair wages.

Repair of National Highway No. 7 Damaged Due to Floods

5023. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during this

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