

provisions contained in Article 350(A) of the Constitution the State Governments have been advised that at the Primary stage teaching through mother-tongue of the linguistic minorities may be undertaken by appointment at least of one teacher.

In regard to teaching through mother tongue of linguistic minorities at the Secondary level, State Governments have been advised to provide for such facilities wherever there is a demand.

The Central Government have already made available facilities for study of Urdu in many Central Schools all over the country.

A high powered Committee on promotion of Urdu has been set up which is also looking into all aspects relating to the development of Urdu.

Beggars and Street dwellers in the country

7718. SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beggars and street dwellers in the country; and

(b) their approximate number in big towns and in capitals of States and Union territories separately?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) and (b). There has been no national survey in this regard. According to the 1971 census (1 per cent advance tabulation) the number of beggars and vagrants is 7,44,500. This number is subject to variations on account of seasonal factors as also the general growth in population.

Scheme for supply of milk at the door of the consumer under Delhi Milk Scheme

7719. SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to supply milk at the doors of the consumers under Delhi Milk Scheme; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme and when this scheme is likely to be made effective and the initial expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) No. Delhi Milk Scheme, however, allows supply of milk from its Milk Depots through home delivery agents selected by customers.

(b) Does not arise.

All India Seminar-cum-workshop held at Ludhiana (Punjab)

7720. SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an All India Seminar-cum-workshop was held at Ludhiana by the Home Science College of the Punjab Agricultural University in Collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research; and

(b) the main conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar; and

(c) the action taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main conclusions and recommendations of the seminar are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4853/73.]

(c) There were no recommendations made in the seminar which require implementation by the Government.

Cases of Cholera in Delhi

7721. SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been large number of cases of cholera in the Union Territory of Delhi during the last three months;

(b) the extent of increase over the figures of last year during this period; and

(c) the specific steps taken in this respect?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) and (b). No. Only one case of cholera has been reported during 1973 upto 18th April, 1973. No case was reported during the corresponding period of the last year.

(c) The following steps have been taken to prevent out-break of cholera in Delhi.

1. A monthly meeting is held under the chairmanship of Additional Director General of Health Services to review the situation of various communicable diseases in Delhi, including Cholera, to suggest necessary measures for their control. The meeting is attended by representatives of Delhi Municipal Corporation, New Delhi Municipal Committee, Delhi Administration, Local Hospitals, Ministries of Railways and Defence.

2. The piped water supply is regularly tested and chlorinated. The wells in the rural area are regularly disinfected.

3. Control of food hygiene is exercised through inspection of food establishments by checking sale of exposed food and destruction of un-whole-some food.

4. ANTI-CHOLERA inoculations are given in vulnerable areas. Jet-gun injector is used in mass inoculation campaign.

5. Health education is carried out to motivate people for early reporting of suspected cases and taking necessary precautionary measures.

Scheme for a New Development Block in Hamirpur (H.P.)

7722. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of creating a new Development Block with Tauni Devi as Headquarters in Hamirpur district (H.P.) was submitted to the Union Government by the Himachal Pradesh Government; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Reorganisation of Laddakh Institution of Higher Studies

7723. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to consider the reorganisation of the Laddakh Institution of Higher Studies; and

(b) if so, the main outlines of the proposed re-organisation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE: (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) and (b). The Laddakh Institute of Higher Studies, which was formerly a grant-in-aid institution of