

(c) whether Miss Mridula Sarabhai was permitted to visit and interview Sheikh Abdullah after restrictions were removed on her movements;

(d) whether a famous film actor met Sheikh Abdullah;

(e) if so, when and his name;

(f) whether this visit was permitted by Government; and

(g) if not, the action taken against the actor?

**The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Y. B. Chavan):** (a) Rs. 5,62,991.60p.

(b) statement giving the necessary information is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-349/67].

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (g). No film actor was permitted to visit Sheikh Abdullah. During September 1965 Sheikh Abdullah exchanged casual greetings on a few occasions with Shri Dilip Kumar who was staying in Kodaikana in connection with shooting of a film. Shrimati Padmini, film actress, also exchanged greetings with Sheikh Abdullah during his walk on 11th May, 1967. The security officer was present on these occasions.

#### Recognition of Astrology

**134. Shri Baburao Patel:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to officially recognise the ancient science of Astrology;

(b) whether it is a fact that the science of Astrology was used for the various State and private purposes in ancient India and prior warnings obtained through astrology of many disasters like storms, typhoons, earthquakes etc., which had saved millions of human lives;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many ancient and rare manuscripts known as 'Nadis' on the astrological

science are still available in the country in the hands of various professional astrologers;

(d) whether the proposal of buying or obtaining micro-films of these Nadis and other rare works on Astrology with a view to do research in this great and ancient science of divination is being considered by Government; and

(e) whether Government would consider the proposition of establishing a Department of Research in Astrology with a view to use its scientific findings for the progress and protection of humanity?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education (Shri Sher Singh):**

(a) There is no proposal before the Government for giving the recognition in question.

(b) It is not possible to confirm or deny this fact because the Government has not conducted any systematic investigation into the matter.

(c) No official survey of such manuscripts has been undertaken.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Institutions like Varanaseva Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya already have a separate Department of Jyotisha (astrology).

**मित्रो विद्योहिषों के हवनलों के कारण विस्वास्तिक रूप खलितकों का बताया जाना**

**135. श्री राज सिंह सावरवाल :**

**श्री हुकूम खान कदवाय :**

**क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :**

(क) मित्रो मंत्रियों को फिर से बताने के काम पर सरकार ने अब तक कितना