

### Foreign Missionaries

250. Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:  
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign missionaries in India at present on Indian visa for missionary work; and

(b) what are the periods for which the visas are granted?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) The number of foreign Christian Missionaries registered in India as on 1st January, 1966 was 4,214.

(b) Visas are granted for a period not exceeding one year at a time.

### Distribution of Foodgrains in Churches etc. in Goa

251. Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:  
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that foodgrains were distributed by Churches and Missions in Goa at the time of the opinion poll with a view to influence it;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry was made in this regard; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) to (c). Enquiry made in the matter reveal that foodgrains and other articles like milk powder, wheat flour etc. are being distributed by Missionaries and Char-

table non-Christian institutions for the past few years. The Church distributed foodgrains early this year in the normal course of their distribution programme as in the past.

### Conversion of Tribals into Christianity in Thana District (Maharashtra)

252. Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:  
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that 15 thousand tribals have been converted to christianity in Thana District (Maharashtra State) taking undue advantage of their poverty by distributing foodgrains; and

(b) if so, the action taken to stop it?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) No such report has been received by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

### मेरठ में एक विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना

253. श्री गगनराज सिंह भारती :  
क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मेरठ में विश्वविद्यालय स्थापित करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार ने उत्तर प्रदेश को कितनी राशि की वित्तीय सहायता मंजूर की है और राज्य सरकार को वास्तव में कितनी राशि दी गई है; और

(ख) चालू वर्ष में कितनी राशि देने का विचार है ?