

Grants Commission is going into this matter. The financial implications of the proposal have, however, not yet been furnished by the State Government to the Committee.

WORLD OLYMPICS IN MEXICO

2409. SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the size of the team to be sent to the World Olympic Games in Mexico this year; and

(b) the date by which the final selection will be made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) and (b). The matter primarily concerns the Indian Olympic Association. However, no date appears to have been fixed so far by the Association for final selection of members of the Indian contingent.

TRAFFIC PROBLEM OF DELHI

2410. SHRI M. L. SONDHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government have any plans to introduce comprehensive legislation to tackle the traffic problem of Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : No, Sir.

PRO-AYUB PROPAGANDA BY 'INSAF'

2411. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the regular anti-Indian and pro-Ayub propaganda being indulged in by a Calcutta weekly named 'Insaf' published from 30, Elliott Road, Calcutta-16;

(b) whether it is a fact that this weekly in its 13th January, 1968 issue accused India of an alleged conspiracy of imposing 'Hindu Imperialism' on East Pakistan and charged All India Radio for the same purpose; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to deal with such propaganda conducted by the said weekly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Shri Ahmed Rashid, the editor, printer and publisher of the weekly is being prosecuted under Sec. 153-A of I.P.C. State Government also are keeping a close watch on the trend of writings published in this weekly which may have the effect of promoting hatred between different religious communities.

PROMOTION OF SANSKRIT RESEARCH

2412. SHRI SITA RAM KESRI :

SHRI Y. S. KUSHWAH :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared any plans for promotion of Sanskrit research in the country;

(b) if so, the total amount allotted for the purpose in the current year and in the coming year; and

(c) the amount allotted to Sanskrit institutions in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Education have sanctioned among other things, a scheme for 'Award of research scholarships to the products of traditional Sanskrit Pathshalas' under which scholarships @ Rs. 200.00 per month are awarded to such of the persons who have obtained the highest oriental degree in Sanskrit. This is in addition to the facilities provided by the University Grants Commission for research in Sanskrit by the awards of senior and junior fellowships of Rs. 500.00 and Rs. 300.00 per month respectively and grants to teachers in Universities and colleges for undertaking research or learned studies in Sanskrit.

(b) Amounts allotted for the scheme of the Ministry during 1967-68 and 1968-69 are Rs. 1.25 and Rs. 1.50 lakhs respectively.

(c) Scholarships are awarded under the scheme on an all India basis and as such no state-wise allocations are possible.

बीरिक बहादुर नामक जहाज
का डूबना

2413. श्री सीताराम केसरी : क्या परिवहन तथा नौवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि चावल से लदा हुआ "बीरिक बहादुर" नामक एक जहाज 2 फरवरी, 1968 को मंगलौर से 35 मील की दूरी पर डूब गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनमें कितना चावल था और क्या उसे बचाने के लिये कोई प्रयाम किया गया था;

(ग) उक्त दुर्घटना के कारण हुई हानि के लिये कौन व्यक्ति उत्तरदायी हैं; और

(घ) इस मामले की जांच करने तथा ऐसी दुर्घटनाओं की पुनरावृत्ति रोकने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

परिवहन तथा नौवहन मंत्री: (डा० वी० के० आर० बी० राव) : (क) जी हां। एक भारतीय पाल पोत दरिया बहादुर मंगलौर से 35 मील दूर एक गुमनाम पोत से टकरा कर 2 फरवरी, 1968 को डूब गया।

(ख) 35.15 क्विन्टल। चूंकि टक्कर देने वाले जहाज ने कोई सहायता नहीं की और पाल पोत स्वयं डूब गया इससे चावल-माल बचाने का कोई प्रयाम नहीं किया गया।

(ग) और (घ). पोर्ट अधिकारी, मंगलौर के जिसने प्रारम्भिक जांच की थी, सम्मुख कार्मिक द्वारा दिये गये बयान के अनुसार गुमनाम जहाज का हल मफेद रिबन सहित काला था। इससे जहाज को पहचाना नहीं जा सकता। फिर भी जहाज को पहचानने के प्रयास तट पर विभिन्न

पत्तनों से संपर्क स्थापित कर किये गये, परन्तु उसमें कोई सफलता नहीं मिली। इन परिस्थितियों में दुर्घटना के लिये जिम्मेवार व्यक्तियों को बताना संभव नहीं है। पूर्ण व्योरा प्राप्त होने के बाद ही ऐसी घटना की पुनः आवृत्ति होने देने के उपचारी उपायों का निर्णय किया जा सकता है।

SURPLUS STAFF IN THE ROADS WING

2414. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Roads Wing of the Transport Ministry has surplus staff;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this Wing mostly duplicates the work done by the State Governments as most of the Highways are maintained by the State Governments; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to wind up this section ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

PRO-MAO POSTERS IN MADRAS

2415. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has seen newspaper reports that on the 25th December, 1967 in Madras posters were seen on walls preaching Mao's teachings and urging the people to use violence for bringing a revolution;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some people were seen distributing these posters; and

(c) if so, whether any investigation was made and its result ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) No such posters are known to have been displayed at Madras on 25th December, 1967.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.