

SWITCHING OVER TO HINDI IN BANARAS
HINDU UNIVERSITY

3371. SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Banaras Hindu University has decided to switch over to Hindi medium;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any other central educational institute is following suit;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the facilities formulated to admit students from non-Hindi speaking States with non-Hindi medium into the Banaras Hindu University and other such central educational institutes ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

AWARDS TO SPORTSMEN

3372. DR. KARNI SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3815 on the 28th June, 1967 and state :

(a) whether any of the three sportsmen who achieved international success in individual items of sport *viz.* World title in Billiards, Silver Medal in Claypigeon Shooting and Bronze Medal in Wrestling, were considered for Padma Bhushan or Padma Shri awards; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) One of them, Shri Wilson Jones (who won the World title in Billiards) was awarded Padma Shri on the Republic Day, 1965.

(b) Does not arise.

SAINIK SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

3373. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of boys from the Union Territories who competed in the All-India competitive examination for admission to Sainik Schools, during 1964 to 1968, so far;

(b) the number of boys out of them who were eligible for merit-cum-means scholarship granted by the Ministry;

(c) the number of boys who have been granted the merit-cum-means scholarship during these years;

(d) whether it is a fact that for the first time a large number of boys who competed in the examination have been denied scholarship during 1968; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) The information in respect of the years 1964 to 1967 is not readily available.

(b) 34,83,139 and 103. This information is for the years 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968 respectively. The number of boys eligible for scholarships in 1964 on the basis of 1963—examination was 30.

(c) All the boys were granted scholarships in the previous years. Last year, the number of scholarships was raised to 265, purely as a temporary measure.

(d) and (e). Yes; Sir. Out of 265 Scholarships granted last year, only 40 unutilised scholarships were available this year. The question of accommodating the remaining boys who are otherwise eligible, is under the consideration of the Government of India.

ATTACK IN MIZO VILLAGE

3374. SHRI HIMMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that atleast 4 persons were killed when a group of armed miscreants attacked a village in the Mizo area on the night of 9th February, 1968;

(b) if so, whether any information has been received by Government about the affinities of these miscreants and whether they belonged to Mizo National Front; and

(c) Government's reaction to this incident ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The village in question is in Tripura.

(b) The miscreants have not been identified. They are, however, believed to