

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). There have been occasional complaints of misbehaviour. There have also been some specific cases of violation of law. Appropriate action was taken in all such cases. Apart from taking action under law, vigilance against undesirable activities has been intensified.

Free Education upto Higher Secondary

700. SHRI SITARAM KESRI:
SHRI SIDDAYYA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to introduce free and compulsory Education for all children upto the Higher Secondary stage; and

(b) if so, whether Government will have to subsidise the State Governments in this regard and if so what would be amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) The plan of the Government is to introduce free and compulsory education for all children up to the age of 14 in the first instance. According to the information available education upto high|higher secondary stage is free in the following States:—

Andhra Pradesh (for girls only)
Jammu & Kashmir
Kerala (for Muslim girls only)
Madhya Pradesh (for girls only)
Madras
Mysore
Orissa (for girls only)
Uttar Pradesh (for girls only).

(b) Provision of free and compulsory education is primarily the concern of the State Governments. However, if the scheme is included in the State Plan, advantage can be taken of the available Central Assistance.

Survey for Tourism by Pacific Area Travel Association

701. SHRI SITARAM KESRI:
SHRI K. N. PANDEY:
SHRI GEORGE FENANDES:
SHRI J. N. HAZARIKA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey by the Pacific Area Tourist Association has revealed that India was likely to loose a large number of U.S. tourists because of unfavourable conditions; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to remove the drawbacks referred to in survey and to create a favourable impression on the minds of tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Tourism is at present examining the results of the Survey and intends to take steps in close co-operation with State Governments and various segments of the travel trade to make appropriate improvements.

मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजपथ

702. श्री राम सिंह झरवाल : क्या परिवहन और नौबहन मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजपथों के चौड़ा करने तथा उनमें सुधार करने की कोई योजना है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि सड़कों की बुरी दशा के परिणामस्वरूप उन पर यातायात कम चलता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनमें सुधार करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?