

an Englishman, on the 25th December 1967 and proceeded to Madras, from where she left India on the 8th January, 1968. No report has been received that she had engaged in undesirable activities.

**Effect on Tourism by U.S.  
Restrictions on Dollars**

740. SHRI HEM BARUA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present restrictions put by the U.S. authorities on Dollar are likely to affect tourism in India; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to encourage foreign tourists to visit India?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) No restrictions have so far been placed by the U.S. authorities on foreign travel, but the President of the United States in a recent speech appealed to American citizens to defer for two years all non-essential travel beyond the western hemisphere. It is too early to estimate the effect of this appeal and of any possible restrictions that may hereafter be placed on tourist visits to India.

(b) It is proposed to continue promotional activities as planned, and to expand these over the next few years.

**Improvement of College Education**

741. DR. RANEN SEN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed by the University Grants Commission to suggest measures for improvement of college education has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main recommendations contained in the report;

(c) whether the University Grants Commission has examined these recommendations; and

(d) if so, the decisions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations are many and are contained in the report of the Committee which has been placed in the Parliament Library.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It was decided to refer the report to the Education Commission (1964-66) for consideration. In the meantime, the Commission has decided to liberalize the scope and pattern of assistance to colleges for certain schemes during the Fourth Plan. While the question of establishing autonomous colleges is still under consideration, it has been decided to appoint small Committees to examine and consider the present achievements, programmes of development, etc., of the colleges of Meerut, Rajasthan and Delhi Universities in the first instances.

**Detenues Released after Lifting of  
Emergency**

742. SHRI UMANATH:  
SHRI HEM BARUA:  
SHRI GANESH GHOSH:  
SHRI K. RAMANI:  
SHRI P. RAMAMURTI:  
SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:  
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD:  
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO:  
SHRI D. N. DEB:  
SHRI G. VISWANATHAN:  
SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR  
SHAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number detenues released after the lifting of Emergency throughout the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that large number of them were re-arrested just after their release;

(c) the total number of re-arrested detenues State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for their re-arrest?

(a) to (d). A statement giving available information is placed on the Table of the House. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-95/08.)

**Regional Languages for U.P.S.C. Examination**

743. SHRI BENI SHANKER:

SHARMA:

SHRI SHRI GOPAL SABOO:

SHRI LILADHAR KOTOKI:

SHRI TULSHIDAS JADHAV:

SHRI VALMIKI CHOUDHURY:

RAY:

SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made by the Union Public Service Commission in switching over to regional languages as media for the recruitment tests;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when a start is likely to be made?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):**

(a) to (c). The Commission have made some progress in the preparatory work necessary for the introduction of the languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule as alternative media, at the option of the candidates, for the combined competitive examinations. The additional staff has been appointed and equipment like typewriters etc. is being secured. Qualified examiners, preferably having knowledge of more than one language, are being located.

Both the Government and the Commission are anxious to implement this decision as early as possible. Looking to the progress so far made, Government feel confident of a start being made with the introduction of these languages as optional media for some subjects at the combined

competitive examinations to be held in 1969.

**Development of Road Communications**

744. SHRI BENI SHANKER

SHARMA:

SHRI SHRI GOPAL SABOO:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state the amount Government propose to allot for improving road communications in the rural areas in the next five-year plan?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI BHAKT DARSAN):**

Presumably the Hon'ble Member is having rural roads in mind. It is not possible to indicate at this stage the allocation, which may be made for these roads as a part of the overall provision for road development in the Fourth Five Year Plan, as that Plan itself has not yet been finalised.

**Bagour as Health Resort**

745. SHRI BENI SHANKER

SHARMA:

SHRI SHRI GOPAL SABOO:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that after Mount Abu, the highest habitable hill in Rajasthan is Bagour near the Khetri copper project, the height of which is between 2300 and 2400 ft.;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above hill is ideally suited for a medium type of hill station which is only 6 miles from Khetri town and about 100 miles from Delhi; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to convert the place into a health resort?

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH):** (a) to (c). Government of India have not carried any survey to determine the suitability of Bagour