Trial of Sheikh Abdullah

Shri V. B. Gandhi: 1246. { Shri Onkar Lai Berwa; | Shri D. D. Puri;

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to try Sheikh Abdullah in a court of law; and

(b) whether Government propose to transfer Sheikh Abdullah to custody in Kashmir?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hathi): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Sports in Punjab

1247. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance was given to the Punjab Government for the encouragement of Sports in the State during 1964-65 and 1965-66 so far; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhakt Darshan): (a) and (b). The following grants were given to the Punjab State Sports Council during 1964-65 and 1965-66 on the recommendation of the Government of Punjab:--

Grant Sanctioned	Purpose
Rs. 20,000/-	For holding a Coaching camp in hockey, Cri- cket, Gymnastics, Wrestling, Swim- ming, Basket Ball, Football, Vollevball, Athletics, Tennis and Badminton.
Rs. 10,000/-	For purchase of sports equipment.

Assistance to Political Sufferers in Punjab

1248. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance granted to political sufferers in the Punjab State during 1964-65 and 1965-66 so far; and

(b) the number of such political sufferers in Punjab and the monthly amount of assistance granted to them at present?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a)--

1964-65	Rs.	1,800
1965-66		
(so far)	Rs.	700

(b) Five in 1964-65 and two in 1965-66. The financial assistance is given in the form of lump-sum grants and not of monthly payments.

Freedom Fighters

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: 1249. Shri Solanki: Shri P. K .Deo: Shri Narasimha Reddy:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to set up a Committee to certify the credentials of freedom fighters and to recommend measures to ameliorate their hardships—economic or otherwise; and

(b) whether any criteria or principles would be laid down for the guidance of the Committee?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). There is no such proposal.

Abolition of Urdu by Kerala University

1250. Shri Mohammed Koya: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Syndicate of the Kerala University has abolished Urdu in colleges; and

(b) whether Government have given any instructions to the Univer-