

either in the Fourth Plan or in the next Plan and that they had informed the Government of Madhya Pradesh of the changed position with a request to adopt the alignment initially decided upon, including the site of the bridge over the river Sankh. The Government of Bihar were requested on the 14th March 1968 to confirm that, in the event of the Hydel project being taken up later and as a result of which the bridge constructed over the river Sankh on the original alignment of the road and the bridge and the road approaches to it being submerged under the waters of the reservoir, the Hydel authorities would be prepared to bear the cost of the construction of another bridge at a suitable site and of the road approaches to that site. Confirmation is still awaited. The Government of Madhya Pradesh have also been informed of the position and advised to settle the matter directly with the Government of Bihar.

SHORTAGE OF SCHOOLS IN TEA GARDEN AREA OF JALPAIGURI

5450. SHRI KARTIK ORAON: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of Hindi medium schools in Tea Garden areas of Jalpaiguri District of West Bengal, where the tribal population is of the order of 30 per cent, of total population;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this has led the adivasis to go to Mission schools and get converted to Christianity; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take to bring education of choice to tribals of Tea Garden areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD):

(a) to (c). The required information is being collected from the West Bengal Government and it will be laid on

the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

INVESTMENT ON TOURISM

5451. SHRI KARTIK ORAON: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the annual investment on tourism during the last ten years;

(b) the annual earnings of foreign exchange for the last ten years; and

(c) the total allotment for the year 1968-69?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1879/68.*]

SALARIES OF STAFF OF BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES IN M.P.

5452. SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOUDHURI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the salaried staff of Bharat Scouts and Guides in Madhya Pradesh have not been paid their salaries for the last eight/nine months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to have the arrears of salaries paid immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c): Does not arise.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST JAMIA MILLIA

5453. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allegations made against Jamia Millia in the *Organiser* of the 3rd August, 1968 are correct; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) Similar allegations, received earlier, have already been looked into and found without substance.

(b) Does not arise.

REGIONAL ENGINEERING COLLEGE,
SILCHAR

5455. SHRI N. R. LASKAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Governors for the Regional Engineering College, Silchar, Assam has considered the tenders for the college building;

(b) if so, to whom the work has been given; and

(c) when the construction work is likely to start and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information available, no tender was accepted since all of them were technically defective. The College authorities have decided to revise the building plans for a smaller admission capacity and invite fresh tenders.

(c) Construction of the buildings will start after a tender has been selected and work awarded.

APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER IN
MANIPUR

5456. SHRI M. MEGMACHANDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Manipur has approached the Central Government for sanction of the appointment of a fifth Minister in Council or more Ministers to satisfy the aspirant groups; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

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

(b) Does not arise.

ALL-PARTIES M. L. A. DELEGATION
FROM HIMACHAL PRADESH FOR STATE-
HOOD TO HIMACHAL PRADESH

5457. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA:

SHRI ONKAR LAL BOHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an all-parties M.L.A. Delegation from Himachal Pradesh visited Delhi and met the Prime Minister and Home Minister on their unanimous demand for State-hood to Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the details of the discussions held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No such delegation has met the Prime Minister or the Home Minister.

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

MURDER IN HATHRAS

5458. SHRI BUTA SINGH:
SHRI RAM SINGH AYARWAL:
SHRI RAM SWARUP VI-DYARTHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the son of a prominent Congress worker and Member of the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee was murdered on the 26th July, 1968 at 10 p.m. in Hathras, District, Aligarh;