

ordinate civil courts at Delhi stood transferred to the Delhi High Court on its creation;

(b) how many of such cases were decided by the High Court of Delhi till the 5th of August, 1968, by judgments and how many were decided by compromise;

(c) how many cases of over Rs. 25,000 valuation were instituted in the Delhi High Court from the date of its establishment till the 5th August, 1968; and

(d) the total number of cases pending in the Delhi High Court having a valuation of over Rs. 25,000 as on the 5th August, 1968?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) 822 cases.

(b) Suits decided by judgments . . . — 212

Suits decided by compromise . . . — 27

(c) 950 cases.

(d) 1302 cases.

THREE YEAR DEGREE COURSE IN MADHYA PRADESH

5484. **SHRI S. C. SAMANTA:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh have switched over again from the Higher Secondary School Course and three-year degree course system and education to the old system and the Higher Secondary Course is now restricted to High School stage and the Degree Course extended to four years;

(b) whether the three-year degree course system has not proved satisfactory in working; and

(c) if not, the reasons for which the Government of Madhya Pradesh for going back to the old system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

BOOK FAMINE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

5486. **SHRIMATI TARA SAPRE:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Report of UNESCO on the production of books in the Asian regions emphasised present book famine' experienced by developing countries;

(b) whether Government agree with the same state of affairs in India; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to get over this shortage?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To some extent.

(c) Some of the steps taken by the Government of India to reduce the book shortage in India are mentioned below:—

(1) National Book Development Board has been set up to lay down the guidelines for the development of book industry in the country in the context of its overall requirements.

(2) In collaboration with various foreign Governments reprints of standard works emanating from USA, UK and the USSR are made available at subsidized prices for the benefit of students.

(3) There is a limited programme to assist the Indian publishers to reprint standard works of Indian authors at subsidized prices.

(4) A budget provision of Rs. 5 crores has been proposed for the