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(ग) केन्द्रीय स्कूलों में सभी विषयों को हिन्दी में पढ़ाने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

शिक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (भी भागवत था धाजाद): (क) से (ग). केन्द्रीय स्कूलीं की स्वीकृत योजना में यह व्यवस्था है कि इन स्कूलों में शिक्षा का माध्यम हिन्दी श्रीर श्रंत्रेजी में मिला जुला होगा। यह नीति सभी केन्द्रीय स्कूतों में कमशः लागू की जा रही है।

Robbery in Calcutta

1163. SHRI C. K. BHATTA-CHARYYA: SHRI B. P. MANDAL: SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA

Will the Minister of HOME AF-FAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a daring daylight robbery took place at Park Street Post Office, Calcutta in which Rs. 3,97,950 worth of postal money was looted by the bandits, guards wounded and their rifles snatched away;
- (b) whether any investigations have been made in the case;
 - (c) if so, the results thereof;
- (d) whether the culprits have been traced; and
- (e) whether there are reasons to believe that this robbery has been organised by some political party for collecting funds for fighting mid-term elections in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AF-FAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). A case has been registered by the Calcutta Police us

25(1)(A) 27 Arms
Act/3 and 5 Explosives Substances
Act and is under investigation. So
far one person has been taken into
custody.

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White Paper by Maharashtra Goverament on Education for Introduction of English

1164. SHRI C. K. BHATTA-CHARYYA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a White Paper on education issued by the Maharashtra Government had suggested the introduction of English from the eighth standard:
- (b) whether a Conference of Educational Officials of the State after considering the White Paper has recommended the compulsory teaching of English from the fifth standard;
- (c) whether, according to the Conference, this has been done "so that students in the State could effectively take part in all-India Competitions"; and
- (d) whether his Ministry was consulted at any stage in arriving at these decisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) The draft White Paper on Education issued by Government of Maharashtra which has now been published for eliciting public opinion, suggests that the teaching of English should be introduced from Class V on an optional basis and that it should be compulsory from Class VIII.

- (b) and (c). For several reasons, there has been a general demand in the State that the teaching of English should be compulsory from Class V
 - (d) No, Sir.