

**Officers of the Archaeological Survey of India**

9936. SHRI ZUFIQUAR ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Class I Officers of the Archaeological Survey of India, excluding the Epigraphy, Scientific and Gardening branches ;

(b) how many of the above have specialised in (i) Ancient Indian History and (ii) Medieval Indian History ; and

(c) how many of the above possess an adequate knowledge of (i) Sanskrit, Pali or Prakrit and (ii) Arabic or Persian ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRIMATI JAHANARA JAIPAL SINGH) : (a) Thirty-one.

(b) (i) Fifteen

(ii) Two

(c) (i) Nineteen

(ii) Three.

**Urdu as Medium of Instruction in Primary Schools**

9937. SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Primary Schools in U. P., Bihar, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh where the medium of instruction is Urdu ; and

(b) the number of Government or Government-aided Secondary/Higher Secondary Schools in the above mentioned States and the Union Territory where Urdu is being taught as a subject ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) and (b). The necessary information is being collected from the concerned States and the Union Territory and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

**Announcement of Cigarettes on I.A.C. Flights**

9938. SHRI VIKRAM CHAND MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the brands of cigarettes that are announced on the flights of Indian Airlines ; and

(b) the reasons of such an announcement ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). Indian Airlines, which is a commercial organisation, keeps a small stock of "India Kings" filter-tipped cigarettes for sale on board their aircraft and the announcement about the availability of cigarettes is for the convenience of passengers.

**Assistance by UNESCO to N. C. E. R. T.**

9939. SHRI N. R. LASKAR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) the nature of assistance received by the National Council of Educational Research and Training from the U. N. E. S. C. O. ;

(b) the number of the U. N. E. S. C. O. experts at any time attached to the N. C. E. R. T. ; and

(c) the nature of duties of the U. N. E. S. C. O. consultants ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a). Unesco assistance is being received for the following projects :—

- (1) Improvement of science teaching in our schools.
- (2) Establishment of Shraimk Vidya-piths—an experimental project for workers' education.