

liaison, sample checking, evaluation, etc.

A decision has been taken to decentralise the N.D.S. Scheme and the terms and conditions for the transfer of NDS Instructors to the States are under finalization. In view of the decision to decentralise the scheme, Government do not propose to set up any Central Agency for the implementation of the N.F.C. Programme.

Alleged Discrimination against Punjabis

5365. SHRI HEM RAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Tribune (Punjab) dated the 15th June, 1969 regarding the setting up of a probe body of Punjab Government for the discrimination against the Punjabis; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):

(a) Government have seen the news-item in question. However, according to the information received from the State Government, the Chief Minister of Punjab did not make any such statement to the press.

(b) Does not arise.

Value of Volume of Business of Shipping Corporation of India

5366. SHRI DEVEN SEN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state the total value and volume of business of the Shipping Corporation of India year-wise from the year 1965-66 to 1968-69 in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras respectively?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH): The total volume of business handled by the Shipping

Corporation in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras and its total operating earnings at these ports during 1965-66 to 1968-69 are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1910/69].

Security Measures for National Museum, New Delhi

5367. SHRI BHAGABAN DAS: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state what security measures, if any, have been taken at National Museum, New Delhi to check incidents of thefts of rare and valuable exhibits?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO): The following security measures have been taken in the National Museum, New Delhi to check incidents of thefts of rare and valuable exhibits:—

- (i) All the windows and other vulnerable points and doors on the ground, first and second floors, have been provided with iron grilles and collapsible gates. This includes fixing of three large size grilles to the openings on the first floor rotunda above the balcony on the entrance.
- (ii) All old locks in the galleries have been replaced.
- (iii) The doors of all the galleries on the three floors have been fitted each with sliding bolts. Tower bolts have also been provided to the gallery doors.
- (iv) Tell-tale clocks have been installed at different points on the various floors inside the building and outside the building.
- (v) Certain alterations have been carried out in the galleries to eliminate all possible hiding places.
- (vi) An electric gongbell has been installed.
- (vii) Caretaker and Security Assistant, National Museum