

Sailing Vessel Owners' Association have brought to the notice of the Directorate General of Shipping certain problems faced by them namely :

- (1) Difficulties that may be encountered by the sailing vessels industry on account of the location of a new fishing harbour at Tuticorin at the place where the sailing vessels are at present being hauled up for repairs and or for construction etc.
- (2) Declaring the sailing vessels industry as a small scale industry by the Government of Tamil Nadu to enable the owners to obtain certain requirements like copper sheets etc. for repairs, construction purposes.
- (3) Abolition or reduction in port wharfage (berthing charges) on sailing vessels levied by the State Government.
- (4) Revision by the State Government of the existing towage charges for towing sailing vessels by port launches/tugs.

All these matters are the concern of the State Government to whom the Association have made representation already. However, the Directorate General of Shipping and the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Madras, also are moving the State Government to take a sympathetic view, and expedite their decision. It is understood that the problem at (1) above has already been satisfactorily settled.

Plots to Kill Prime Minister

947. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government have investigated into alleged plots to kill the Prime Minister ;
- (b) if so, the number of instances when such investigations were made ;
- (c) whether there is any substance in reports that there are plots to kill the Prime Minister ; and
- (d) whether any special measures have

been taken to afford protection to the person of the Prime Minister ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (c). Government's attention has been drawn to a few reports about matters concerning the Prime Minister's security. The inquiries made so far have not brought out evidence of any plan or conspiracy to harm the Prime Minister.

(d) Adequate precautions have been taken to ensure the security of the Prime Minister. These arrangements are constantly reviewed and strengthened whenever necessary.

Riots in Siliguri

948. SHRI RANJEET SINGH :
SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM :
SHRI MOHAN SWARUP :
SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA :
SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-
DHURY :
SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :
SHRI M. H. GOWDA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there were wide-spread riots in Siliguri and surrounding districts recently ;
- (b) what was the cause of these riots and the number of casualties ;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Police remained inactive most of the time ;
- (d) whether troops had to be called out ; and
- (e) whether arrests were made and the firing done by the Army authorities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). According to information furnished by the Government of West Bengal an altercation took place on 6th January, 1970 between two persons who belonged to the hills and some local people of Siliguri, resulting in injuries to the former one of whom died subsequently. This led to clashes between the hill people and the local people. Six persons were killed.

(c) No, Sir,

(d) and (e). Army was called in to assist the civil authorities but no arrest or firing was done by them.

दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय में विधि की शिक्षा तथा परीक्षा का माध्यम के रूप में अंग्रेजी

949. श्री जनेश्वर निधः क्या शिक्षा तथा युवक सेवा मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली विश्व-विद्यालय में विधि की शिक्षा तथा परीक्षा का माध्यम अनिवार्यतः अंग्रेजी है;

(ख) अन्य किन विषयों के लिए शिक्षा तथा परीक्षा का माध्यम अनिवार्यतः अंग्रेजी है; और

(ग) अपनी मातृ भाषा में अध्ययन करने तथा परीक्षा देने के इच्छुक विद्यार्थियों को विश्वविद्यालय ने क्या सुविधाएं दे रखी है?

शिक्षा तथा युवक सेवा मन्त्री (श्री० बी० के० धार० बी० राव : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) प्रौद्योगिकी, चिकित्सा विज्ञान और शिक्षा के सभी संकायों में तथा भाषाओं को छोड़कर 100० ए० स्तर पर सभी विषयों के पाठ्यक्रमों में शिक्षा तथा परीक्षा का अनिवार्य माध्यम अंग्रेजी है ।

(ग) सभी विषयों में बी० ए० (पास) पाठ्यक्रम के लिए हिन्दी में परीक्षा देने की सुविधाएं प्रदान की जाती हैं । बी० ए० (प्रानर्स) के पाठ्यक्रमों में अर्थशास्त्र, इतिहास, राजनीति-विज्ञान, वाणिज्य और संस्कृत आदि चुने हुए विषयों में प्रश्नों के उत्तर अपनी मर्जी से हिन्दी में दे सकते हैं । इन विषयों में 1971-72 के वर्ष से हिन्दी को शिक्षा का माध्यम बनाने का विचार है ।

Police Firings

951. SHRI SHIV CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state ;

(a) the total number of police firings on

the demonstrators, State-wise since January, 1970 ;

(b) the total number of persons killed and injured by the Police firing in those incidents, State-wise ;

(c) the total number of persons arrested in those incidents, State-wise ; and

(d) the nature of those agitations since January, 1970 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (d). According to information received from State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, no police firings have taken place since January 1, 1970, in any of the Union Territories, Assam, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Nagaland and Punjab. In Haryana, to deal with the violent demonstration following the announcement of the decision on the Chandigarh issue, the police had to resort to firing on twelve occasions, resulting in the death of 9 persons and injuries to 20. 142 persons were arrested in connection with these incidents. Information from the remaining States is awaited.

Sanskrit University at Puri

952. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Orissa have asked for Central grants for a Sanskrit University at Puri ;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Minister of State for Education received a Memorandum from the Government of Orissa when he visited the State during the month of January ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of Orissa has forwarded a proposal to establish a Sanskrit University at Puri. The proposal is under consideration in consultation with the University Grants Commission.