

(c) if so, with that results ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI A. K. KISKU) : (a) to (c). The Universities have been making their contribution in this regard mainly through research and extension projects taken up by their departments of Education and Psychology.

**Cutting of Air Links with Arab Countries following Incidents of Hijacking of Planes**

536. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have been urged to cut off air links with all Arab countries following incidents of hijacking of planes by Palestinian guerillas ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) Such suggestions have been received from some quarters.

(b) Government do not find the suggestions acceptable.

**Demands by Paschhm Bengal Hindi Sikshak Sanstha**

5307. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Paschhm Bengal Hindi Sikshak Sanstha had put some demands before the Education Adviser to the Governor of West Bengal and whether the same were accepted by him ;

(b) the details of the demands made by the above Institution ; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) and (b). In June, 1970, the Paschhm Bengal Hindi Shikshak Sanstha

submitted a charter of demands to the West Bengal Government for the betterment of the working conditions of the Hindi teachers. Their main demands were :—

1. At least one Hindi Teacher should be appointed in each and every Bengali Medium Secondary School.
2. The Hindi Teacher should be treated as Assistant Teacher in general so that M.A. or Honours Hindi Teachers can get M.A. or Honours scale as admissible to Assistant Teachers.
3. Government Hindi teachers' training College Calcutta should be re-organised on the same line as that of the post graduate training college.
4. One year Hindi Teachers' Training Diploma should be recognised as equivalent to B. Ed
5. Hindi teachers' salary grant should be disbursed with more efficiency and promptness.
6. An enquiry committee should be appointed to go into the complaints relating to the Hindi Teachers Training College.

(c) The demands were under the consideration of the West Bengal Government. A report on the final decision taken on these demands is being obtained from that Government and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

**D. T. U. Buses lying Idle**

5308. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of D. T. U. buses which are lying idle for want of imported spares ;

(b) the extent of foreign exchange needed to put them in order ; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to import or provide Indian substitutes for the required spares ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) Nil,

(b) and (c). Do not arise.