1.877

2,740

8.449

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2,245

3,609

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Excavation of Ruins near Humpi in Mysore

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- 5347. SHRI S. A. AGADI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state;
- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that at a seminar held at Humpi, Bellary District, Mysore State, on the Vijayanagar Period Culture and Architecture, during the first week of November, 1970, a suggestion was made to excavate systematically the Ruins in Humpi area which would result in acquiring Architectural and Cultural remains of Vijayanagar Period;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that this suggestion is supported by an Architectural Survey Officer at the Seminar; and
- (c) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE AND OF **EDUCATION** MINISTRY SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT YOUTH DARSHAN): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. It is understood that a suggestion to this effect was made in one of the papers submitted by one of the officers of the Archaeological Survey of India at the Seminar held at Humpi in his personal capacity. It is further understood that a reference to the effect that systematic excavation of the ruins in Humpi area, which would result in acquiring Architectural and Cultural remains of Vijayanagar Period, was also made in one of the Resolutions adopted at the Seminar,

Script of Sindhi Language

5348. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the script of Sindhi Language was changed from Sindhi to Devanagari script by executive orders of the Central Government in March, 1950;
- (b) whether representation over a number of years have been received from Sindhi organisations urging the Government to rescind the above orders, if so the action taken thereon; and
- (c) whether any advice has been given by Law Ministry in this regard, if so, the gist thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) to (c). In 1949, on the recommendations of the All India Sindhi (Displaced Persons) Convention held in Bombay, urging that Sindhi schools be asked to start teaching Sindhi in Devansgari script, the Government of India in 1950 informed the State Governments that they have accepted the recommendation and that the State Governments should take steps to implement this recommendation as far as education in schools is concerned. Subse-