

Sanskrit and world's most ancient works are there in Sanskrit. I am saying this to some of my friends who do not know that the person like me has become a communist after going through the literature in this language. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Bhogendraji, please confine yourself to the question.

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: I want that the Prime Minister should announce that telecast of Sanskrit news bulletins will also be started. How will it be done, that he has to find out. Since the Doordarshan has become very popular, so the news in Sanskrit must be telecast.

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, Shri Bhogendra Jha possesses a long experience and his access to the communism has been through Sanskrit. We shall seek his opinion. I agree with him that there are many things in our Sanskrit books and literature which show us the path of communism and equality. This is how the communism has been described in Sanskrit universal humanity is the principle of communism and what had been written in our ancient scripture:-

"Aham Nijau Paroveti, Ganqna
Laghuchetsaam

Udar Charitanam Tu, Vasudhaiv
Kutumbkam"

Thus our Sanskrit literature is very rich in liberal thoughts and these thoughts should be brought before the world.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Mongra Irrigation Project

*81. SHRIDHARMPAL SINGH GUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mongra Irrigation Project in district Rajnandgaon, Madhya Pradesh has since been abandoned;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the present stage of the project and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Central Water Commission has communicated their suggestions to the State Government for the re-formulation of the project.

Convention of Indian Muslims in America

*82. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Ambassador to the United States attended a convention of Indian Muslims in America held at Maryland on November 23 and 24, 1990;

(b) whether some of the resolutions passed at the convention condemned India for discriminatory practices against Indian Muslims; and

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR): (a) The Indian Ambassador to the United States attended a dinner on 24 November 1990 which was the concluding function of the Convention of Indian Muslims in America held at Maryland. The