

rudawara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar, which is about the repatriation of Kalgi and sword of Guru Govind Singhji. Kohinoor was formally presented by Prince Dilip Singh, son and successor of Maharaja Ranjit Singh in 1849 as compensation for loss in wars, to the then British monarch and it has since become the property of the Crown. Being a royal gift, it may not perhaps be proper to make a demand on it now. Attempts to trace the other relics have not yet met with success so far. Government will review and take appropriate further action.

Accuracy of Statistical Data

7778. SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any sizeable margins of error in the data/statistics that have been collected/compiled by the Central Statistical Organisation;

(b) if so, the extent of possible inaccuracy and whether these involve important Government Departments; and

(c) the additional measures taken to improve the accuracy of the statistics so compiled by the Central Statistical Organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) No, Sir.

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

Post Graduation Courses in Regional Languages

7779. SHRI A.K. ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) names of the universities where post graduation studies are being conducted

in regional languages as medium of instruction;

(b) names of the subjects that are being taught and whether that include science and technology subjects also;

(c) whether examination is allowed in any regional language in post graduate classes; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of Government's policy to promote regional languages as the medium of instruction in primary and higher education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b), A statement—I indicating the names of the universities where post graduate studies are conducted in regional languages, and the names of the subjects including science and technology, taught in these universities, in accordance with the information furnished by University Grants Commission, is given below.

(c) A statement—II indicating the names of the universities where examinations are allowed in regional languages, in accordance with the information furnished by U.G.C. is given below.

(d) According to the statement made in the National Policy on Education-1968, regional languages are already in use as media of education at the primary and secondary stages. The Policy further stated that urgent steps should be taken to adopt regional languages as media of education at the university level. The National Policy on Education-1986 also reiterated the above statement. In pursuance of this policy, several universities have taken steps to introduce progressively one or more regional languages as the media of instruction for specified courses offered by them.