

(c) No minimum number has been fixed. However, at a meeting of the Principals of Colleges held in October, 1962, it was decided that if the number of students offering a Modern Indian Language like Tamil, Te'ugu, Bengali, etc., was 10 or 12, the College may make arrangements for teaching of such language by appointing a part-time teacher in the subject concerned, otherwise the teaching may be done in collaboration with nearby Colleges, which have facilities for the same.

Suicides in Union Territories

678. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were any cases of suicides on account of hunger in the Union Territories during March, 1963; and

(b) if so, the number thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

Welfare Extension Projects in Nefa

679. **Shri D. D. Mantri:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Social Welfare Board has started any welfare extension projects in NEFA; and

(b) if so, how much amount had been spent for the purpose during 1962-63?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) Yes Sir, the Board sanctioned 10 multipurpose welfare extension project centres for NEFA in July 1963. The number of centres in which the work has actually been started is, however, not known.

(b) No amount was incurred by the Board on this account during 1962-63 as the project centres have been sanctioned only during 1963-64.

Hindi Books for Educational Institutions

680. **Shri Sezhiyan:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the amount allotted for 1963-64 for free supply of Hindi Books to Educational Institutions and Libraries in non-Hindi speaking States?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): Rs. 2.0 lacs.

12.00 hrs.

RE: CALLING-ATTENTION-NOTICE

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Now, we shall take up the calling-attention-notice.

Shri Swell (Assam—Autonomous Districts): May I make a submission, Sir? I want your guidance and also some information. So, I want to make a submission. Would you kindly allow me, Sir? Four days ago, I had sent a notice calling the attention of the Prime Minister to the strike of the students in NEFA, which has paralysed and shaken the confidence of the tribal people in the strategic area. Like everything relating to the tribal people, it seems that that notice has been shelved and ignored. May I know whether this is the way Government are treating the tribal question?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I would request the hon. Member to see me in my Chamber and get the reply.

12.02 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
EXPLOSION IN POLICE STORAGE MAGAZINE
NEAR GAUHATI

Shri S. M. Banerjee (Kanpur): I call the attention of the Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation to