

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM): With your leave, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Minister of Education, I beg to answer this question on his behalf.

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*104. डा० लक्ष्मी नारायण पांडे : क्या शिक्षा तथा समाज कल्याण मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन राज्यों के नाम क्या हैं जिनमें केन्द्र सरकार ने सेंट्रल स्कूल खोले हैं तथा वे स्कूल कहां-कहां खोले गये हैं ;

(ख) इन सेंट्रल स्कूलों के खोले जाने का क्या प्रयोजन है ;

(ग) विभिन्न राज्यों में इन स्कूलों पर प्रतिवर्ष कितना व्यय किया जा रहा है ; और

(घ) इन में कितने विद्यार्थी शिक्षा पा रहे हैं ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Kendriya Vidyalayas (Central Schools) have been opened in every State and Union Territories except Nagaland, Lacadive Minicoy & Amindive Islands and Dadra & Nagar Haveli. A Statement indicating their location in different States and Union Territories is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-97/71].

(b) To provide educational facilities with a common syllabus and media of instruction to children of Defence personnel, transferable Central Government employees and other floating population.

(c) A statement showing Statewise and Union Territory-wise expenditure on Kendriya Vidyalayas during 1969-70 is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-97/71].

(d) A statement showing enrolment position in Kendriya Vidyalayas as on 1-8-1970 is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-97/71].

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : I would like to seek a clarification. The hon. Education Minister is not here. Have you allowed the hon. Minister of Steel and Heavy Engineering to reply on his behalf ?

MR. SPEAKER : Yes, I have allowed him.

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : In fact, I started with the preface 'With your leave'.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Mentioning that is all right. But what about answering supplementary questions ?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA : He will answer the supplementary questions also.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : What has happened to the Education Minister ?

MR. SPEAKER : I have allowed the hon. Minister of Steel and Heavy Engineering to answer the question.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Normally, it has been our practice always that when the Minister concerned with a question is absent and there is no Deputy Minister or Minister of State in that Ministry who can answer the question, that question is postponed or transferred for answer by the Minister concerned on some other day. I do not understand why the Minister of Steel or Railways or somebody else should be called upon to deal with supplementary questions delaying with education as if he is a 'sab jaanewala' Minister or an omnibus Minister.

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : If hon. Members do not want me to answer, then I am not very anxious to answer the questions. There is no anxiety on my part to answer the supplementary questions.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : What has happened to the Education Minister ? Notice of this question was given long before.