

be given equal share with the neighbouring States. The Delhi Administration were accordingly given weightage of double the mileage in respect of three particular inter-State routes by the Inter State Transport Commission.

(c) With a view to bring in a uniform procedure of receiving applications for grant of regular passenger bus permits on inter-State routes and disposing them of, the Inter State Transport Commission have circulated certain suggestions to the State Governments in this respect. Emphasis on the desirability of following the mileage formula was also laid in the zonal meetings of Transport Commissioners held at Chandigarh, Bangalore and Bombay.

Study of Hindi in Schools in Madras

- *111. SHRI K. N. PANDEY:
 SHRI RABI RAY:
 SHRI KANWAR LAL
 GUPTA:
 SHRI R. S. VIDYARTHI:
 SHRI RAM GOPAL SHAL-
 WALE:
 SHRI N. S. SHARMA:
 SHRI JUGAL MONDAL:
 SHRI C. K. BHATTA-
 CHARYYA:
 SHRI MOHSIN:
 SHRI DEORAO PATEL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been the Resolution of the Madras Assembly dropping the study of compulsory Hindi in Schools in Madras; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) and (b). No official intimation regard-

ing the Resolution in question has been received by the Government of India.

Strikes by Students

*112. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been large number of cases of strikes by students in the last two years;

(b) whether, in view of the fact that the frequent strikes by students have affected the academic standards, Government propose to take any action to prevent strikes by students and to ensure maintaining reasonable standards in all the Universities; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce any measures to prevent exploitation of students for political purposes by the political parties?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the number of student agitations in 1967 was less as compared to 1966.

(b) The University Grants Commission has been assisting Universities and colleges in implementing programmes of student welfare with a view to providing a congenial and wholesome atmosphere for study and research and to diverting students' attention from undesirable activities.

(c) There are no measures to prevent exploitation of students for political purposes. However, the Government are of the view that political parties should agree to desist from interference in the affairs of the Universities.

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- *113. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN:
 SHRI UMANATH:
 SHRI E. K. NAYANAR.
 SHRI VISHWANATHA
 MENON: