

(a) the names of the monuments of national importance, State-wise which are at present undergoing repairs by the Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) the details of the extent of damages in each of these monuments, State-wise; and

(c) the details of expenditure incurred on this account during the last one year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Neglect of monuments

1779. DR. M. M. S. SIDDHU: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item "Road of monumental neglect" published in Times of India dated the 5th July, 1982;

(b) if so, what is the assessment of the neglect of the monuments referred to in the aforesaid news;

(c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India will take up preservation and beautification of the monuments; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken in regard thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news item highlighted the neglected state of the road leading to Nizamuddin Basti in

which Holy Shrine of Hazrat Khawaja Nizamuddin Aulia, Ghalib's Tomb and some ancient monuments like Chausath Kham-ba and grave of Jananara Begum are located. The road needs improvement. Construction and maintenance of roads are the responsibilities of State authorities. Accordingly, Delhi Administration has been addressed by the Archaeological Survey of India to do the needful.

(c) and (d) The Centrally protected monuments of Nizamuddin Basti are located in the thickly-populated area which offers little scope for beautification. However, the monuments are structurally sound.

Free-mid-day meals and tiffin to children

1780. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the State-wise number of school-going children covered by free mid-day meals and tiffin at present; and

(b) what financial and other assistance, if any, have been given to the States by Government in this regard during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) No special Central assistance was given for the mid-day meals programme during the years 1979—82.