

or *vice-versa* without prior approval of Government; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint a Committee to rationalise the working of the NCERT?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The Advance Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for 1978-79 has made these observations in respect of NCERT.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Gujarat Committee on Urdu

871. SHRI HARI SINGH NALWA: SHRI BHAGWAN DIN: SHRI SYED SIBTE RAZI: SHRIMATI NARGIS DUTT:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have so far taken to implement the recommendations of 'Gujarat Committee' on Urdu;

(b) what are the results so far achieved by the implementation of these recommendations on Urdu; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Since many of the recommendations of the Gujarat Committee would have to be implemented by the States, copies of the Gujarat Committee Report have been sent to the State Governments and they have been requested to examine the various recommendations. As the recommendations cover a wide range of subjects, most of the State Governments have asked for extension of time to examine and communicate

their views. In so far as this Ministry is concerned, a Committee was constituted to consider those recommendations of the Gujarat Committee Report which can be implemented by this Ministry. It has now been decided to enlarge the scope of this Committee so as to cover the other Ministries of the Union Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Teams to study cultural heritage of Himalayans

782. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a three five-year survey teams were deputed to visit Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh to study and preserve the Cultural heritage of the Himalayas contained in the manu. scripts, paintings and relics;

(b) whether the teams have submitted their reports to Government; and

(c) if so, what are the recommendations made in the survey reports?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir. However, on request from All India Frontier Buddhist Mahasabha the Government of India gave financial assistance to them, during 1979-80 for meeting expenditure on, amongst other things, T.A./D.A. to the members of the three survey teams sent by them to Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh for extensive tours in the areas concerned under their project "Survey of Manuscripts & antiquities for the preservation and presentation of the Cultural Heritage of the Himalayan Regions".

(b) and (c) No Sir, but a report is awaited.