

Statement

(a) According to Delhi Administration, as far as Government aided schools are concerned, they are required to charge fees as prescribed by administration. There is no control over the charging of tuition fee or other charges levied by the recognised unaided schools.

(b) Unaided recognised schools can collect donations for building fund and charge fees for extra curricular activities; no complaint has been received by the Delhi Administration of any school charging fee for 14 months from the students who want to leave.

(c) Delhi Administration have received no such complaint during the last one year.

(d) In view of the reply to 'C' above, question does not arise.

(e) Government would have to arm themselves with legal powers to take necessary action if instances of exploitation of parents come to their notice.

Promotion of Urdu

*357. SHRIMATI HAMIDA
HABIBULLAH:
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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Urdu is the fifth largest spoken language in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is resentment amongst Urdu speaking people in the country on account of neglect of the language; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to promote and popularise Urdu?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) Numerically Urdu occupies the sixth position as a spoken language according to the Census figures of 1971.

(b) and (c) The Government's policy is to promote all Indian languages including Urdu and provide facilities for their development. In so far as the Ministry of Education and Culture is concerned, a Bureau for Promotion of Urdu has been set up which brings out academic literature and other types of books in Urdu on science and other branches of modern knowledge. Besides, the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, has established an Urdu Teaching and Research Centre at Solan where teachers are trained to teach Urdu as a Second Language in the Three-Language Formula. Facilities for training of Urdu Teachers also exist at Northern Regional Language Centre, Patiala. Agencies such as Sahitya Akademi, National Book Trust and NCERT are also engaged in language development through literature etc. in all Indian languages including Urdu.

Allotment of house-sites to landless labour

*358. SHRI ABDUL REHMAN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of house sites allotted to the weaker sections of society including landless labour, during 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80;

(b) what is the estimated number of such families which remain without adequate shelter in the rural areas;

(c) what is the average area of the house-site allotted to each such family; and

(d) whether allotment of sites for horizontal construction is likely to cut into cultivable land and if so, whether it is proposed to promote vertical construction, wherever feasible and necessary?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI):

(a) 1977-78	2,10,446
1978-79	2,13,652
1979-80	1,18,038