

Controversy between U.P. Government and the Archaeological Survey of India regarding entry fees for Taj and other monuments in Agra.

742. SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a controversy between the Archaeological Survey of India and the U.P. Government over the recent increase in the entry fees at the Taj and other historical monuments of national importance at Agra; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) :

(a) and (b) The Archaeological Survey of India has not increased the entrance fee at Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Akbar's tomb and Itimadu'd-Daula's tomb. The U.P. Government is collecting a levy the precise particulars of which are being collected.

Death of white tiger Virat

743. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have instituted an enquiry into the causes of death of the last male white tiger, VIRAT; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL) : (a) and (b) The Tiger 'Virat' was the private property of the Ex-Maharaja of Rewa. However, on a request from the Comptroller of Households of the Ex-Maharaja, when the tiger was seriously ill, the Director, Delhi Zoo, alongwith the Veterinary Adviser of the Zoo, rushed to Govindgarh for assistance. On examination,

the doctor considered it to be a case of enteritis and immediate treatment was accordingly given. The tiger was again examined on the following day and necessary medicines administered second time. Thereafter, the treatment was left to local doctors for continuing the injections and medicines as prescribed. Although a definite improvement was noticed in its condition, it relapsed after a few days and expired.

Opening of creative writing workshops in Universities

744. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission propose to open creative writing workshops in various Universities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) :

(a) and (b) According to information furnished by the University Grants Commission, there is no proposal under its consideration to organise creative writing workshops in various Universities. The Commission has, however, appointed a Committee to work out a scheme for instituting travelling fellowships/special Visiting Professorship for writers in the Universities.

अहिन्दी भाषी राज्यों में हिन्दी के अध्यापक को नियुक्ति

745. श्री श्रीकांत वर्मा : क्या शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण तथा संस्कृति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान अहिन्दी भाषी राज्यों में हिन्दी पढ़ाने के लिये कितने हिन्दी अध्यापकों को नियुक्त किये जाने तथा योजना के अधीन राज्यों को केन्द्र द्वारा कितना अनुदान दिये जाने का विचार है ?