

LSEC.IAIIION OF HINDU IDOLS IN SALLM

156. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the idols of Hindu deities were desecrated in a procession in Salem city in Tamil Nadu by the Dravida Kazhgam;

(b) whether Government consider this action on the part of the organisers of the procession as having harmed the cause of communal harmony in that city; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government in this connection ?]

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय तथा कर्मचारी विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) से (ग) राज्य सरकार से एक विस्तृत रिपोर्ट भेजने का निवेदन किया गया है। रिपोर्ट अभी आनी है।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) The State Government have been requested to furnish a detailed report, which is awaited.]

A.R.C.'s RECOMMENDATIONS ON SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENTS

157. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since examined the recommendations of the A.R.C. on Scientific Departments; and

(b) if so, the decisions arrived at thereon?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The report of

the A.R.C. on Scientific Departments is under study by the Committee on Science and Technology, which is expected to finalise its recommendations during this month. Thereafter the report of the A.R.C. and its study teams along with the recommendations of the Committee on Science and Technology will be considered by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

EMPLOYMENT ORIENTED ANNUAL PLANS

158. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has sent any guidelines to the various State Governments to formulate employment oriented annual plans for 1971-72;

(b) if so, to what extent this is reflected in the annual plans of the States for the year 1971-72; and

(c) the manner in which the Central Government propose to help the State Governments?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) to (c). The guidelines issued for 1971-72 annual plan formulation laid stress on the need to give high priority to sectors with high employment potential Agricultural Programmes, Roads and Communications, Village & Small Industries, Elementary Education, Water Supply etc. Details of the annual Plans are yet to be received from the States. The position will be reviewed again in the light of a mid-term appraisal of the Plan which is proposed to be undertaken shortly. It may also be mentioned that the interim Budget for 1971-72 embodies a provision of Rs. 50 crores for a crash scheme for rural employment to be executed by the States. This provision is however kept outside the Plan for the present.

† [] English translation.