

by several representatives of Radio Moscow and Soviet news agencies on their motor cars in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The attention of the USSR Embassy was drawn to this incorrect practice and they have given the assurance that the use of cars bearing CD number plates by Soviet journalists has ceased.

FREE AND COMPULSORY PRIMARY EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY

1632. SHRI HITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) Whether while presiding over a meeting of the Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education on Primary Education held recently, he stressed the need to fix a target date for free and compulsory primary education;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Council thereto;

(c) whether any target date has been fixed for free and compulsory primary education throughout the country; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount which has been earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Committee has yet to submit its report.

ATROCITIES ON HARIJANS IN GUJARAT

1633. SHRI D. THENGARI :
SHRI GOLAP BARBORA
SHRI P. S. PATIL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a deputation of Harijans from Gujarat met her and demanded a CBI inquiry into atrocities committed on Harijans in that State;

(b) if so, the details of the talks with her and the reaction of the Government of India thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a memorandum in this connection was presented to her in which many instances of brutal murders and the police apathy to it were mentioned therein; and

(d) if so, the details of the memorandum and the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Facts are being ascertained from the State Government.

1634. [Transferred to the 31st August, 1970]

FORMATION OF "RAKSHA DAL"

1635. SHRI DEVDATT KUMAR KIKABHAI PATEL :
SHRI P. S. PATIL :
SHRI GOLAP BARBORA :
SHRI RUDRA NARAIN JHA ;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that recently a "RAKSHA DAL" has recently formed by Shri Mahavir Tyagi, M.P.;

(b) if so, the aims and the objects of the Dal and the persons associated with it;

(c) whether Government propose to give assistance in kind and cash to the said organisation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b)