

(ii) *Assistance to Institutions teaching Hindi—*

1. A Hindi Typewriter was sent to a School at Bahrain.
2. Hindi books were presented to educational institutions in several countries including Britain, Indonesia, Fiji, Iraq and Mauritius.

APPOINTMENT OF 'LOKAYUKT'

1012. SHRI M. C. SHAH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the progress made in connection with the appointment of a 'Lokayukt' to look into public grievances as recommended by the Administrative Reforms Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : The proposal for appointing a Lokayukt is one of the proposals made in the report of the Administrative Reform Commission on the redress of citizens' grievances. Since these proposals concerned the States also, they were referred to the State Governments for their views. So far, ten State Governments only have communicated their reactions. Meanwhile it has been decided to set up institutional machinery for the Centre's own needs for the time being. The details are under consideration.

KIDNAPPING OF ASSISTANT SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE

1013. SHRI K. P. MALLIKARJUNUDU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a band of armed Pakistanis kidnapped an Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police from Mankachar area on the Assam-East Pakistan border; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. On 18-11-1967, an Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police, incharge of Kakripara watch post of the Mankachar Police Station, was on patrol duty along with a constable. Some Pakistanis trespassed into Indian territory and kidnapped the Assistant Sub-Inspector and the constable. The constable however managed to escape.

(b) Strong protests have been lodged with the Pak authorities, urging them to ensure the safe return of Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police.

STUDENTS OF LINGUISTIC MINORITIES RECEIVING EDUCATION THROUGH MOTHER TONGUE

1014. SHRI JAIRAMDAS DAULATRAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the years for which the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities has been despite requests unable to receive from each State Government statistical information regarding the number of students of linguistic minorities receiving education or being taught through their mother tongue; and

(b) what action Government propose to take to make the State Governments concerned to fulfil their obligation in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) The matter is being pursued through the forum of Zonal Councils.

STATEMENT

Statistical data for the years shown in column 2 has not been sent by the concerned State Governments

| Name of State | Year for which statistical data not sent |
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| Andhra Pradesh | 1965—66 and 1966—67 |
| Madras | 1965—66 and 1966—67 |
| Mysore | 1966—67 |
| Maharashtra | 1965—66 and 1966—67 |
| Assam | 1965—66 and 1966—67 |
| Bihar | 1964—65, 1965—66 and 1966—67 |
| Orissa | 1964—65, 1965—66 and 1966—67 |
| West Bengal | 1966—67 |
| Rajasthan | 1965—66 |