

SCHOOLS IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

704. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Primary and Secondary Schools in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are under the Secondary Board of Education, Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) Primary Schools are not affiliated to any Board of Secondary Education. Only the Higher Secondary Schools are affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi;

(b) It was considered more convenient to affiliate the schools to the Central Board of Secondary Education which would follow a common all-India Higher Secondary pattern regarding courses of studies.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF CHANDIGARH

705. SHRI SURJIT SINGH AT WAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Haryana has approached the Central Home Ministry with a suggestion to make Hindi the official language of Chandigarh;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to this suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

LIQUOR SMUGGLING INTO DELHI

706. SHRI SURJIT SINGH AT WAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that due to reduction in liquor prices in Haryana, smuggling of liquor into the Union Territory of Delhi and the adjoining areas of Punjab has increased;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to stop this smuggling; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to reduce liquor prices in Delhi also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Government of Haryana have reduced the rates of liquor with effect from 1st April 1967, but no case of smuggling from Haryana into Union Territory of Delhi, has come to notice so far. In respect of Punjab, Government have no information.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

WORKING AND USEFULNESS OF SCHOOLS

707. SHRI SURJIT SINGH AT WAL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Educational Survey has submitted to the Government of India a report on the working and usefulness of schools; and

(b) If so, what are its findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LX, Annexure No. 28.]