

(b) the class standard from which the second language is to be taught in the Delhi Schools where the medium of instruction is any language other than Hindi; and

(c) the class standard from which the third language is to be taught in Delhi Schools where the medium of instruction is Hindi and what is the minimum number of students that is required to start the class for the introduction of the third language?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the *Rajya Sabha*.

STATEMENT

(a) to (c) The position regarding teaching of languages in Delhi Schools is as follows:—

(1) *Classes I to VIII*—(a) *Hindi Medium Schools*.—In Hindi medium schools the second language which is English is introduced from Class VI. The second language is compulsory for all students and the question of prescribing a minimum number of students for introducing this language does not arise. A third language is also allowed from Class VI if at least 12 students make a request for it. The third language can be so taken in lieu of one of the following subjects: Sanskrit, Drawing, Music, Art and Craft.

(b) *Non-Hindi medium Schools*.—In Schools where the medium of instruction is other than Hindi the second language which is Hindi, is introduced from Class III. English which is the third language is introduced from Class VI. Both the second and third languages are compulsory and the question of prescribing a minimum number of students for introducing these languages does not arise.

(2) *Classes IX to XI*—(a) *Higher Secondary Schools*.—In Classes IX to XI English is compulsory for all. In addition a modern Indian language

(Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Gujrati, Marathi or Sindhi) is also required to be taken. The choice of a particular modern Indian language is allowed if the minimum number of students taking that language in a school is 12.

(b) *Multipurpose Schools*.—In Multipurpose Higher Secondary Schools three languages have to be taken for examination (i) English, (ii) Mother tongue or a regional language and (iii) a language other than mother tongue (Hindi for those whose mother-tongue is not Hindi and some other modern Indian language for those whose mother-tongue is Hindi). Teaching facilities for compulsory language subjects are provided without any requirement of particular number of students, but regarding other language subjects, the number of students taking any particular language in the school should be at least 12.

OIL BEARING BELT IN PUNJAB AND JAMMU

*23. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent survey has established that an oil bearing belt extends from Jawalamukhi in Punjab to Mansar in the Jammu area passing through Naushera and Saurinsar; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission have undertaken preliminary tests for petroleum in the Naushera-Rajouri area and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.