

(b) whether the Youth Hostels Association Conference was organised with their consent?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) Yes, Sir, the Association has been receiving grants from the Government.

(b) No, Sir.

DELEGATION SENT ABROAD

72/SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many delegations were sent abroad by Government during the year 1958-59; and

(b) what amount was spent on such delegations and to what countries these delegations were sent and for what purpose and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): Requisite information is being collected from the various Ministries/Departments and will be laid on the Table of the House when ready.

AMOUNT SPENT ON TOURS OF MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS

73. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the amount spent in the year 1958-59 on the tours of Ministers and Deputy Ministers within India and abroad by each Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House later.

CIRCULAR REGARDING ENCOURAGEMENT OF URDU

74. SHRI JAIRAMDAS DAULATRAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps taken by each State Government for carrying out the objectives of the circular regarding encouragement of Urdu which was sent to them by the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Action taken by certain State Governments on the statement issued by the Government of India in regard to the use of Urdu

I. Facilities for instruction and examination in Urdu at the primary stage to children whose mother-tongue is declared by the parent or guardian to be Urdu.—The State Governments of U.P., Bihar, Bombay, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and the Delhi Administration have reported that facilities are being provided for instruction through the medium of Urdu wherever there are at least 40 pupils speaking Urdu in a school or 10 such pupils in a class. A special officer has been appointed by the U.P. Government to see that the policy of Government regarding the provision of instruction in Urdu is duly implemented throughout the State. Arrangements have been made also in the Punjab for teaching Urdu or imparting instruction through the medium of Urdu in areas where there is demand for this. In Assam, at the primary stage, arrangements are made for imparting instruction in mother-tongue wherever there are sufficient number of pupils of the same language group or if at least 40 per cent. of the pupils belong to that group. In Jammu and Kashmir, instruction in primary schools is imparted in Urdu where the students offer the subject and their examination is also held in the same language.

II. *Arrangements for the training of teachers and for providing suitable text-books in Urdu.*—Arrangements have been made for the production of Urdu text books by the State Governments of U.P. and Bihar. Text books produced by the Jamia Millia, Delhi, are used in the Punjab State. Text books for primary and middle schools in Jammu and Kashmir are also provided in Persian script for the students. In Bombay, Urdu books in different subjects have been sanctioned by the Department after careful selection and they are available for pupils studying in Urdu schools. The Delhi Administration is