

Government in 1949, to make Hindi a compulsory subject in their respective secondary schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

The policy with regard to the introduction of languages in secondary schools has since been modified on the basis of the recommendations of the Secondary Education Commission and the Education Ministers' Conference held in 1956. The State Governments have now been requested to implement the following formulae:—

- (a) (i) Mother tongue;
- (ii) or regional language;
- (iii) or a composite course of mother tongue and a regional language;
- (iv) or a composite course of mother tongue and classical language, or;
- (v) a composite course of regional language and a classical language.
- (b) English or a modern European language.
- (c) Hindi (for non-Hindi speaking areas) or another modern Indian Language (for Hindi speaking areas).

The position in respect of Hindi as compulsory subject of study is given in the appendix attached.

APPENDIX

1. *Assam*—Hindi is being introduced as a compulsory subject from class IV to VII.
2. *Orissa*—Introduced as a compulsory subject in class VI to IX and as an optional in class IV to V of secondary schools and in grade IV to VIII of basic schools.
3. *Bombay*—Teaching of Hindi is compulsory from standard V to XI of

secondary schools but on account of dearth of teachers is not compulsory for standards V-VII of primary schools.

4. *West Bengal*—Hindi is compulsory for the Class V and VI of the secondary stage.

5. *Andhra*—The study of Hindi has been made compulsory in form I to TV and up to V for 1956 and up to VI for 1957.

6. *Madras*—Hindi is not compulsory.

7. *Kerala*—Hindi has been made a compulsory subject in the upper primary and secondary stages.

8. *Mysore*—Provision has been made for the teaching of Hindi in the secondary stage of Education both as compulsory and optional subject and also as second language wherever there is demand.

9. *Jammu and Kashmir*—Data not available.

10. *Punjab*—Compulsory in primary and middle classes. The study of Hindi is optional in Matriculation.

11. *Tripura*—In primary stage Hindi is not studied. In the secondary compulsory up to class VII.

12. *Manipur*—Hindi has been introduced as a compulsory subject from class III to VIII.

13. *A, and N. Islands*—No data are available.

14. *L and A. Islands*—No data are available.

CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH CHIEFS OF STAFF

•634. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the purpose of the Indian Chief of Army Staffs attending the

Commonwealth Chiefs of Staff conference held recently?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMIAH) : The Chief of Army Staff was deputed to attend the Conference as it is considered to be in the best interests of the Indian Armed Forces and part of normal procedure in regard to Conferences of this kind.

भारतीय इतिहास के सर्वश्रेष्ठ लेखक के लिये पुरस्कार

*६३५. श्री देवकीनन्दन नारायण : क्या शिक्षा तथा वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय ने भारतीय इतिहास के सर्वश्रेष्ठ लेखक के लिये किसी पुरस्कार की घोषणा की है ; और

(ख) यदि की है, तो इस योजना का विवरण क्या है ?

t [PRIZE FOR THE BEST WRITER OF INDIAN HISTORY

*635. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has announced any prize for the best writer of the history of India; and

(b) if so, what are the detail; of that scheme?]

शिक्षा तथा वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली) :

(क) जी, हाँ ।

(ख) नवसाक्षरों तथा बच्चों के साहित्य को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिये बनाई गई योजना के अन्तर्गत, अधिक महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में विद्या को लोकप्रिय बनाने की दृष्टि से भारत सरकार ने 'भारत का इतिहास'

प्रस्तुत करने की एक आयोजना बनाई है। यह इतिहास सरल, सुबोध और कल्पनापूर्ण ढंग से लिखा जायेगा। इस उद्देश्य की पूर्ति के लिये देश के प्रसिद्ध इतिहासकारों और लेखकों को प्रस्तावित भारत के इतिहास की अपनी पांडुलिपि को ३०-८-१९५७ से पहले पेश करने के लिये आमंत्रित किया गया है। जिस लेखक की कृति का अनुमोदन होगा उसे ५००० रुपये का एक पुरस्कार दिया जायेगा।

t[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under their scheme for the encouragement of literature for neo-literates and children, the Government of India, have, as a first step to popularise knowledge in the more important fields, planned to bring out simply, lucidly and imaginatively written and well illustrated book on 'History of India'; and for the purpose invited eminent historians and authors of the country to submit their manuscript on the proposed History of India before 30-8-57. A prize of Rs. 5,000 would be offered to the author of the approved manuscript.]

ALL-INDIA. COUNCIL FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

♦636. SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to refer to his Ministry's Resolution No. F.37-10/56-B5, dated the 17th June, 1957, and state;

(a) whether it will be the function of the All-India Council for Elementary Education to prepare syllabus etc. for pupils of age groups 10—14 years;

(b) whether Government also propose to set up an All-India Council for Basic Education; and

†[] English translation.