

Tripura Administration for the selection of text books for the schools of Tripura for the current year;

(b) if so, whether the committee has invited any text books from the publishers; and

(c) the procedure adopted by the committee in selecting text books?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Yes, Sir, for selection of text books for Classes I to V.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Committee appoints a Sub-Committee for the selection of Text Books. The books selected by the Sub-Committee are finally approved by the Text Book Advisory Committee.

Zumia Colony in Tripura

864. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribal zumia colony set up at Takshapura, Soranmia, Tripura has been abandoned; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) and (b). A tentative list of sites of Jhumia colonies was prepared in 1957-58 and Takshapura in Sonamura Division was included in that list as one of the tentative sites, but no colony has been set up at Takshapura so far. The question of abandoning the Jhumia colony at Takshapura does not, therefore, arise.

Higher Secondary and Multipurpose Schools of Tripura

865. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any shortage of teaching staff in the Higher Secondary and Multipurpose schools of Tripura;

(b) if so, the causes of that shortage; and

(c) the steps taken to remove that shortage?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Non-availability of adequately qualified teaching staff.

(c) Prescribed qualifications for teachers of the Higher Secondary Schools have since been relaxed and it is expected that the shortage of the teachers will be removed very considerably.

Russian Students Learning Indian Languages

866. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many students from Russia are coming in India to learn different Indian languages;

(b) how many such students visited our country during the past ten years for this purpose and in which States they stayed; and

(c) what amount has been spent by Government of India so far on these students?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Release of Prisoners on Parole in Manipur

867. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the number of prisoners released in Manipur on parole or furlough under the new rules so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datta): None. No prisoner has applied for parole or furlough so far.

Coal Supply to Indore Textile Mills

868. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile mills of Indore are likely to close down due to short supply of coal;