

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to remove this discrimination?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) The scales of pay of teachers in affiliated colleges, as recommended by the University Grants Commission, are also applicable to teachers in Training Colleges which are affiliated to the universities. The Commission, however, does not assist Government colleges.

(b) Does not arise.

School Text Books in Himachal Pradesh

*990. Shri Padam Dev: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decision regarding text books to be prescribed for study for school students in Himachal Pradesh was taken in March and the books are not available to students even now; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT

No new text books were prescribed by the Himachal Pradesh Administration for the current academic year. The books which were in use for the last four or five years are being continued. There has, however, been a shortage of history books for middle classes and Hindi books for Primary classes, but most of the students have been able to get second hand copies. The main reason for this shortage is the enhanced prices demanded by the publishers and thus was not acceded to by the Himachal Pradesh Administration. The Administration has, however, been asked to negotiate with the publishers to ensure adequate supply of books at reasonable prices.

Location of Steel Plant in Madras

*991. { Shri S. E. Arumugham:
Shri Ganapathy:
Shri Tangamani:
Shri Subbiah Ambalam:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the resolution passed by the Chamber of Commerce of Southern Zone to locate a steel plant in the Southern States at its conference held in Madras on the 24th July, 1959 has been received by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken on the above resolution?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, an iron and steel plant based on the ores of Salem can be considered if coke from Neyveli Lignite proves suitable for smelting these ores.

दिल्ली के बेसिक स्कूलों के अध्यापकों द्वारा हड़ताल की वजहों

*११२. { श्री अक्षय वर्मा :
श्री स० म० बनर्जी :
श्री प्रकाश शीर झास्त्री :
श्री प्र० चं० बरवा :
श्री प्र० गं० देव :
श्री अ० क० गोपात्मन :
श्री कुन्हन :

क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली नगर नियम द्वारा संचालित बेसिक स्कूलों के अध्यापकों ने शिक्षा निदेशक, दिल्ली और दिल्ली नियम के शिक्षा अधिकारी के कार्यालयों के समक्ष २० अगस्त, १९५९ को भूख हड़ताल करने का निश्चय किया है; और