

Shri Gadgil: May I respectfully submit that Government had made a donation of Rs. 7½ crores free of interest?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member will have a chance of expressing his views, but on this question he may only ask for information. I am going to the next question.

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): I do not understand the word "donation" used by the hon. Member.

Shri Gadgil: For 15 years, it carries no interest. I do not think it is wrong to say that.

Shri Bansal: I would like to know whether what is just stated by Shri Gadgil is a fact?

Mr. Speaker: I am going to the next question.

PRIZES FOR HINDI BOOKS

*140 **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of books of each category received by the Government of India under the scheme for awarding 18 prizes for books published in Hindi between the 1st January, 1953 and the 31st December, 1954;

(b) whether any committee has been set up to examine these books; and

(c) if so, the constitution of the committee?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das):

(a) The total number of books received so far under the scheme is 392. It is not possible at this stage to give the number of books category-wise as in a number of cases the competitors have given vague classifications and the matter is under correspondence with them.

(b) Not yet.

(c) Does not arise.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether the Sahitya Akademy will be consulted when constituting these Committees?

Dr. M. M. Das: So far as the selection of these books is concerned, the tentative proposal is to appoint judges who will go through these books.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether the intention of the Government was made known to the public in general and whether any circular was sent to the literary associations all over the country?

Dr. M. M. Das: A Press Note was issued.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether this scheme is an *ad hoc* scheme or forms part of a comprehensive scheme, and if so, what is the nature of that comprehensive scheme?

Dr. M. M. Das: It, by 'comprehensive scheme', the hon. Member means that it will continue annually, my answer is 'Yes'. It is a simple matter. We invite books from the authors and then we constitute Select Committees comprising of eminent men and men of literature, and they make the selection. I do not think there is any detailed scheme that is necessary.

Shri M. P. Mishra: May I know if judges are appointed for the purpose and who are they for Hindi?

Dr. M. M. Das: So far as the present question is concerned, the Judges have not yet been appointed. I told the House that the tentative proposal is to appoint judges, but there were other prizes which have already been awarded, and in those cases judges were appointed and the judges themselves stated that they would take up the work on condition that their names would not be given to the public because they were afraid that they will be approached by interested parties.

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*१४१. श्री भक्त वर्दान : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस वर्ष भी भारतीय वायु सेना के वार्षिक-समारोह के अवसर पर तिलपट में बड़े पैमाने पर वैज्ञानिक प्रदर्शन करने का निश्चय किया गया है, और