

LOK SABHA DEBATES

Part I—Questions and Answers

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Sahitya Akademi

*1654. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the names of the institutions which received grants-in-aid from the Sahitya Akademi and the amount given so far to each of these institutions during the year 1955;

(b) whether any further amount has been ear-marked for this purpose during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, how much ?

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

(a) No grant has been paid by the Sahitya Akademi to any institution during the year 1955.

(b) and (c). No amount has been provided by the Sahitya Akademi for grant to institutions during the current financial year.

I may add that the executive board of the Akademi has laid down the policy that the Akademi will neither affiliate nor give any grant to any institution as such. But, the Akademi has given one grant only. A grant of Rs. 15,000 has been given by the Akademi to the Malayalam poet Shri Vallathol Narayana Menon to enable him to publish the translation of Rigveda in Malayalam. Such assistance is sanctioned by the executive board of the Akademi on the recommendation of the advisory board of the language concerned.

Shri D. C. Sharma : May I know if the Akademi has formulated any programme of awards and prizes for distinguished men of letters in India ?

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Dr. M. M. Das : All the activities of the Akademi have been published in annual report of the Akademi for the year 1954-55 and I think—I am not sure about it—a copy has been placed in the library for the information of the Members.

Shri D. C. Sharma : May I know if the Akademi has any programme for the current year so far as the publication of translations of Indian classics from one language in another language is concerned ?

Dr. M. M. Das : A detailed list of the programme of work has been given in his report and I would request the hon. Member to refer to this report.

Sardar Hukam Singh : May I know whether any steps have been taken by the Akademi to foster better acquaintance and mutual understanding between the writers of different languages in different regions ?

Dr. M. M. Das : Yes, Sir. This is one of the aims and objects of the Akademi and, already in our anthology of the Indian poetry for the year 1953 arrangements have been made to select ten poems from each of the 14 languages mentioned in our Constitution and translate them into Hindi.

Shri Kelappan : May I know if any applications were received for help from this fund and the reasons why they were refused ?

Dr. M. M. Das : We have received applications from the Nagari Pracharini Sabha, Banaras for a grant of Rs. 1 lakh for writing a comprehensive history of Hindi literature. We have received another application from Mrs. S. Ketkar for Rs. 10,000 for publishing the remaining two volumes of late Dr. S. V. Ketkar's *Pracheen Maharashtra*. We have received a third application from the Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalyaya of Coimbatore for a grant for research publication of Thirukkural in Tamil. The Sahitya Akademi has referred all these applications to the Ministry of Education.

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*१६५५. श्री कृष्णाचार्य बोधी : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने में कृपा करेंगे कि अखिल भारतीय आर्यी अंपराधी बिल