Shri Bhakt Darshan: Yes, Sir.

History of Freedom Movement

732. Shri Bhakt Darshan (on behalf of Shri Krishnacharya Joshi):

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in collecting data and compiling the History of Freedom Movement in India; and
- (b) the number of States which have co-operated with the Board of Editors in this connection?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) The Board of Editors who have been assigned the work of compilation of the History have collected a large volume of material and are still collecting more material.

The Board have also prepared a draft collated account of the first phase of the Freedom Movement and have in hand the preparation of a collated account of the second phase.

(b) 25.

श्री भक्त वर्शन : इस विवरण से मालूम पड़ता है कि कुल २५ राज्यों में से कम से कम दो या तीन ने भ्रभी तक कोई सहयोग नहीं दिया है। मैं जानना चाहता हूं वह कौन से राज्य हैं जिन्होंने सहयोग नहीं दिया है।

Dr. M. M. Das: I have got a list of the States which have set up the provincial organisations. I will have to go through it.

Mr. Speaker: He may just mention the names of those States which have not given co-operation.

Dr. M. M. Das: If I have to go through the list, it will take time, because it is a list of 25 States who have set up the organisations.

भी भक्त बर्शन: क्या यह सत्य नहीं है कि इस सम्बन्ध में पिछले कई वर्षों से प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है; श्रीर क्या यह झाशा की जा सकती है कि झगले वर्ष तक जब कि सन् १९५७ में हमारे स्वाधीनता संग्राम के १०० वर्ष पूरे होने बाले होंगे, यह पूरा कर दिया जायेगा ?

- Dr. M. M. Das: So far, we have appointed one of the scholars to write a history of the so-called Sepoy Mutiny of 1857. I think that volume will be completed within about a year.
- Shri S. L. Saksena: Has this Committee asked the various State Governments to keep safe the records of the political cases connected with the 1942 movement for a proper study and proper writing of this history?

Dr. M. M. Das: They are kept very carefully by the State Governments, and the organisations are examining those records.

Shri S. L. Seksena: I mean the records of court cases. I am told that they have been destroyed.

Dr. M. M. Das: In the courts?

Shri S. L. Seksena: Yes.

Dr. M. M. Das : I require notice.

Shri Achuthan: May we just have an idea of the time within which this history will be completed, and may I also know in what all languages it is being written?

Dr. M. M. Das: It will be at first written in English.

Short Notice Question and Answer

Devaluation of Pakistan Rupee

- S. N. Q. 4. Shri Ramachandra Reddi: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:
- (a) the effects of Devasuation of Pakistan Rupee on Indian export trade and economy; and
- (b) the losses to the Indian Exchequer envisaged by the abolition of Export Duty on Indian Jute Manufactures?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) The possible effects of devaluation of Pakistan Rupee on Indian export trade and economy would be :—

- (i) any commodities for which both India and Pakistan are competitors in overseas export markets, e.g., jute and cotton, competition from Pakistan will become more intense;
- (ii) commodities which are imported by India from Pakistan will become cheaper to Indian importers and consumers; and
- (iii) commodities which Pakistan imports from India will become more expensive to the importer and consumer in Pakistan.