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Thursday, April 16, 1959/Chaitra 26,
1881 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[Mr. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Indian Institute of Technology,
Kharagpur

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*1854. { Shri Subodh Hansda;
Shri S. C. Samanta;
Shri K. C. Majhi;
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Minister of Scientific Re-
search and Cultural Affairs be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Re-
viewing Committee has been appoint-
ed by the Government to review the
working and development of the
Indian Institute of Technology,
Kharagpur;

(b) if so, how many members have
been appointed on this Committee;

(c) whether they have started their
work; and

(d) if so, since when?

The Minister of Scientific Research
and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun
Kabir): (a) A Reviewing Committee
was appointed by the President of
India in his capacity as the Visitor
of the Institute;

(b) Five;

(c) and (d). The Committee start-
ed work on the 12th January, 1959,
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and has submitted its report on 29th
January, 1959.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know
whether this is the first time that
such a Reviewing Committee has been
appointed?

Shri Humayun Kabir: For this In-
stitute, yes Sir.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know
whether the shortage of equipment
in the Mining Engineering department,
and of staff also, will be considered
by this Reviewing Committee?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I have said
that the Reviewing Committee has al-
ready submitted its report.

Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: May I
know if the question of opening a
centre for examination at Ambala has
been considered, in view of this being
a leading Institute which must cater
to the whole country?

Shri Humayun Kabir: This does not
arise out of this question.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know
whether the report of the Reviewing
Committee will be laid on the Table
of the House?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The report is
at the present moment under the con-
sideration of the governing body of
the Institute, under the direction of
the Visitor; and, till the Visitor has
considered the report it is consider-
ed secret. When it has been consider-
ed by the Visitor and his orders
secured I shall place it on the Table
of the House.

Shri Achar: May I know if the
Reviewing Committee has considered

the question of admissions to the Institute and, if so, what are its recommendations?

Mr. Speaker: He is asking about the details of the report. It will be placed on the Table of the House.

Shri Viswanatha Reddy: What were the defects noticed in the working of this Institute which warranted the appointment of this Reviewing Committee?

Shri Humayun Kabir: There is no question of defects; we are very much satisfied with the working of the Institute. But under the Act, the Visitor may appoint from time to time persons to review the progress and the work of the Institute, and it is in terms of that that a Committee has been appointed.

Shri Joachim Alva: Is it not true that the reputation of this Institute is rather high but it is for bringing it into line with the best institutions in the world that this has been done?

Shri Humayun Kabir: We consider it to be one of the best institutes in the world already.

Shri Ram Krishna Gupta: May I know whether this Committee will also examine the question of admissions?

Mr. Speaker: It has examined and submitted a report.

Shri Vajpayee: May I know if notice of Government's intention to call an enquiry was given to the Institute and its reactions obtained?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Of course, Sir; it is in the terms of Act itself.

Foreign Classics

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*1955. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to

Starred Question No. 455 on the 2nd December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the manuscripts of foreign classics and Biology series have been selected for publication;

(b) whether individual authors can approach the Central Government for such assistance as is generally offered to publishers; and

(c) the languages in which the submitted manuscripts have been written?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) The Scheme has been dropped.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the UNESCO proposal to award ten prizes to Indian authors for the best book for the new reading public has been implemented?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: This is a different question. As far as I remember, I think a press notification has been issued, but I cannot say at what stage the proposal is. It is entirely a different matter.

Shri Subodh Hansda: What is the reason for dropping this proposal?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: While the Ministry was negotiating with the publishers the publishers independently brought out the books, and they were of quite good quality. Therefore, the proposal to give subsidy to the publishers was dropped.

श्री प्रकाश चर्जन - जीमन्, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस योजना पर किन कारणों से विचार किया जा रहा था और क्या वह कारण समाप्त हो गये हैं जिन की वजह से उसे अब छोड़ा जा रहा है ?

ड० ए० ए० जीमन् : मैं ने विवेकन किया कि कुछ विषयों में फ़ारेन प्रकाशिकता की पुस्तकें निकालने वाले थे। एक प्रेस कम्युनिके निकाला और उस के बाद कुछ प्रकाशिकता से वापसीत भी हुई। इस बीच मैं