

Central Sanskrit Board

1671. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether Central Sanskrit Board is formulating any scheme to award scholarships to students from non-Hindi speaking areas and foreign countries for the study of Sanskrit?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): The Central Board considered the matter but did not find it feasible to recommend such a scheme.

Religious and Moral Education

1672. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri Ram Rattan Gupta:
Maharajkumar Vijay
Ananda:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state how many Universities of India have agreed to implement recommendations of the Committee on Religious and Moral Education and the progress made in the preparation of suitable literature on moral and religious education?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): Twenty Universities have accepted the recommendations in whole or in part and have been imparting moral instruction in one form or the other. This Ministry have made a preliminary selection of literature on the subject for Elementary and Secondary schools, which is being placed before the Standing Committee on Moral and Religious Instruction for consideration. The Committee is expected to meet early in September to consider the matter.

Interview Granted by Indian Military Personnel to Foreign Press

1673. **Shri Kolla Venkaiah:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a report published in the American

Newspaper "Baltimore Sun" on the interview with an un-named Indian General connected with Ladakh Defence by Mr. M. R. Philip Potter, who sent the despatch;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has taken place to find out whether interview was real and to trace the Indian General who granted the interview;

(c) the name of the General; and

(d) whether the military personnel are allowed to grant interviews to foreigners?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) to (c). Government have seen the report of an alleged interview. Inquires are being made to check on the report of the alleged interview.

(d) No, Sir—not without the prior approval of Government.

Services of Librarians

1674. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 432 on the 4th May, 1962 and state the progress made so far regarding creation of the Service of Librarians?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): The matter is still under consideration.

Children's Museum in Delhi

1675. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) The progress made so far in the scheme to open a Children's Museum in Delhi; and

(b) the details of the scheme?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) and (b). The Bal Bhavan Board, which is the authority controlling the National Children's Museum, has recently accorded approval to the revised plans and estimates of the Museum building, involving an expenditure of