

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if so, when it is likely to be introduced?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir. At the middle stage, Geography is included in the subject of "Social Studies" which is a compulsory subject. At the Higher Secondary stage, Geography is an optional subject and arrangements for its teaching are made if at least 12 students in a school offer this subject at class IX stage.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

#### Low Priced Books

2263. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the two suggestions made by the Prime Minister at a ceremony of the National Book Trust of India held in Delhi on the 29th March, 1965 regarding keeping the prices of books low for common man and publication of books on science and history in Hindi and regional languages; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to implement those suggestions?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestions made by the Prime Minister are already covered by the objects of the Trust which include:

(i) Production of good literature and making such literature available to the public at moderate prices; and

(ii) publishing of books, including outstanding books of modern knowledge for popular diffusion, in Hindi, English and other languages recognised in the Constitution of India.

The Trust continues to work for the fulfilment of these objects.

#### Conduct of Kerala Government Officers

2264. { Shri Pottekkatt:  
Shri A. V. Raghavan:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government officers against whom action has been taken for corruption or dereliction of duty after the President's rule in Kerala;

(b) the number of persons dismissed during this period; and

(c) the number of such cases pending?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Nathi):

- (a) 2141 Including cases pending  
(b) 68 at the time of commencement of President's rule.  
(c) 955 mencement of President's rule.

#### दिल्ली के सहायता प्राप्त स्कूलों के अध्यापक

2265. श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धांती : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मान्यता प्राप्त तथा सहायता-प्राप्त दिल्ली के बहुत से हायर सेकेन्डरी स्कूलों के अध्यापकों को नियमित रूप से समय पर वेतन नहीं दिया जा रहा है, जब कि शिक्षा निदेशालय ऐसे स्कूलों को अनुदानों के रूप में तीन महीने के अग्रिम वेतन देता है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस के कारण क्या है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि अध्यापकों ने यह अध्यावेदन किया था कि उन्हें वेतन