

Rampur Raza Library

5232. SHRI SALEEM I. SHERVANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the period for which Rampur Raza Library is to be kept sealed for physical checking as it is already lying closed for nearly two years ;

(b) whether the precious books, original manuscripts which are rare in the world are damaged due to closure and moth eaten ; and

(c) whether the Library Board is proposed to be re-constituted and if so, when it is to be finalised ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Rampur Raza Library, Rampur is not closed. However, valuable manuscripts have been kept under seal. Research scholars using the library are provided access to the material they desire to consult.

(b) No such instance has come to the notice of Government.

(c) Yes, Sir. The re-constitution will be finalised on receipt of nominations from the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

**Suggestion to Publish standard book
on Indian Literature by Indian
Book Promotion Council**

5233. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any recommendation has been made by the Indian Book Promotion Council for the publication of standard books in Indian literature in various modern Indian languages ;

(b) if so, the nature and outline of the recommendations made and the action taken by Government in this regard ;

(c) the present composition of the Council, its activities and functions ;

(d) whether any recommendations have been made by the Council for Seventh Plan and the details thereof ; and

(e) the decision taken by Government on the recommendations and the financial allocation for its activities in the Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) The National Book Development Council constituted in September, 1983 submitted its report on 25-3-1986 on National Book Policy. It has inter-alia recommended formulating schemes to promote translation from classics (Including World Classics), and prepare specialised books on subject areas like ancient and medieval Indian History and Culture, Philosophy etc., in classical languages.

(c) Composition and functions of the National Book Development Council as contained in Government of India Resolution dated 15-9-1983 is given in the Statement given below.

(d) and (e) The working group made following specific recommendations for implementation in the 7th Plan period ; translation of selected world classics in modern Indian languages, commencement of production of a children encyclopaedia in different Indian languages and making efforts to provide primary education through mother-tounge. The recommendations are under examination.

Statement

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The functions of the National Book Development Council would be :—

(i) To lay down guidelines for the development of the book industry in the context of the overall requirements of the country including those in the field of higher education ;