

**World Book Fair**

998. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD  
VARMA:  
SHRI SHANTILAL PUR-  
RUSHOTTAMDAS  
PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the countries which participated in the World Book Fair recently held in New Delhi;

(b) whether the books exhibited in the Fair were very costly; and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to have such Fairs more in future; and

(d) the advantages of organising the Fair to youth and other people?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The names of the 30 countries which had participated in the 9th New Delhi World Book Fair held at New Delhi from February 13 to 18, 1990 are given below:-

Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, GDR, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Japan, Libya, Malaysia, Mauritius, North Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Palestine, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Syria, U.K., U.S.A., U.S.S.R., West Germany, and Yugoslavia.

(b) The price of books, due to a variety of reasons, including increase in the price of paper, has gone up considerably over the

last few years, and this was reflected in the books exhibited in the Fair. However, 10% discount was available on the purchase of all books at the Book Fair.

Indian and foreign paperbacks and low priced publications brought out by the National Book Trust, Publications Division, N.C.E.R.T. and other State and Central Government Publishing agencies were also on sale at the book fair.

(c) The New Delhi World Book Fair is organised biennially and the next World Book Fair is scheduled to be held from February 1 to 9, 1992.

(d) The World Book Fair provides a glimpse of the international publishing scene because books published all over the country and the world are put up for display and sale. It not only helps writers, intellectuals, academicians, publishers and booksellers as also all others connected with the world of books, all sections of society, including children, youth and professionals, are able to see the spectrum of books of their interest and requirement and purchase them if so desire.

**Enquiry Into H.D.W. Submarine Deal**

999. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD  
VARMA:  
SHRI YADVENDRA DATT:  
DR. A.K. PATEL:  
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:  
SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur):  
SHRIPAYARELALKHANDEL-  
WAL:  
SHRI SHANTILAL PURSHOT-  
TAM DAS PATEL:  
SHRI D. AMAT:  
SHRI JANARDAN TIWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have appointed an enquiry committee to go into the West German H.D.W. submarine deal; and

(b) if so, the time by which the final report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The Central Bureau of Investigation have registered a Regular Case in the matter on 5.3.1990 and investigations are in progress.

(b) The time-frame within which these investigations can be completed cannot be predicted at present.

#### **Ninth Antarctica Expedition**

1000. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VERMA:  
SHRI UTTAM RATHOD:  
SHRI KALP NATH RAI:  
SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur):  
SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA  
NARASIMHAHARAJA  
WADIYAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether four scientists in the Ninth Antarctica Expedition died on 8th January, 1990;

(b) if so, the facts available with the Government?

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in regard to this tragedy; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DE-

PARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON):

(a) Yes, Sir. Four members of the Ninth Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (three geo-scientists and a technical person from the Indian Navy) died on 7/8th January 1990 in a field camp in Antarctica.

(b) to (d). The circumstances leading to the deaths have been investigated by a Committee. The post-mortem was carried out by the Department of Forensic Medicine, Safdarjung Hospital on 16th February 1990. The immediate cause of death is believed to be poisoning by carbon monoxide produced by a 4.5 KW Honda generator which had apparently been running in the living tent for 4-5 hours before it was switched off when the deceased prepared to go to sleep. The Government of India arranged to bring back the bodies from Antarctica by air and handed them over to the next of kin of the deceased for cremation after the conduct of medico-legal post-mortem.

#### **Acquisition of Missiles by Pakistan**

1001. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA:  
SHRI YADVENDRA DATT:  
SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has started to manufacture deadly missiles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan has also been importing advanced missiles from other countries; and

(d) if so, to what extent it will affect India?