

Gandhian Thought and Values, Strengthening of Gandhi Bhavans, and programmes of peace research. As for Nehru Studies, the Commission has decided that Nehru Studies could appropriately form part of the Foundation Courses for first degree courses or an optional paper on Nehru Studies could be included in the relevant social science disciplines. This decision has been communicated to the Universities for consideration. The Commission has also instituted 5 Research Associateships each in Gandhian and Nehru Studies to be awarded each year for research.

**Books on teachings of Sikh Gurus to be made available by NBT**

4736. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether to make the young people of India knowledgeable about the great messages of Guru Nanak and other Gurus of Sikh religion, Government propose to take initiative through national book trust to translate their works in regional languages to make these available at cheap price ; and

(b) if so, when such programme will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) The objective of the National Book Trust is to publish good reading material and to make them available at reasonable prices. The Trust has so far published the following books containing the great messages of Guru Nanak and other Gurus of Sikh religion :

(1) Amar Jyoti (Some Indian Saints) a biography of Indian Saints including a life sketch of Guru Nanak in Assamese, Bengali, English, Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Malayalam, Kannada, Oriya, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.

(2) A short biography of Guru Nanak by Dr. Gopal Singh, in Assamese, Gujarati, English, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil, Urdu, Sindhi, Bengali, Malayalam, Oriya and Telugu.

(3) A biography of Guru Gobind Singh by Dr. Gopal Singh, in English, Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Punjabi and Urdu.

(4) Guru Nanak Vani by Bhai Jodh Singh (Compiler) in Assamese, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil, Urdu, Sindhi, Malayalam, Telugu and Bengali translations are under production/preparation.

(5) Secular Perceptions in Sikh Faith by Shri K.S. Duggal in Punjabi and English. Urdu and Marathi translations are under production.

(6) A biography of Guru Arjan Dev is under preparation.

**Development of coastal shipping**

4737. SHRI D.N. REDDY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to develop coastal shipping ; and

(b) whether any provisions have been made in the Seventh Plan to develop coastal shipping ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) Coordination of Coastal operations, modernisation of coastal fleet, improvement of port facilities, simplification and rationalisation of procedures for fixation/revision of freight rates, concessional port dues etc. are some of the important steps proposed.

(b) The Working Group on Shipping for the Seventh Plan have projected increase in the operational tonnage from 0.31 million GRT to 0.50 million GRT. The Seventh Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

**Diploma courses in environmental sciences**

4738. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :