

Correspondence Course by Taraqqi-e-Urdu Board

3970. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Taraqqi-e-Urdu Board has started any correspondence course in Urdu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI-MATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATA-KI): (a) and (b). A scheme of teaching Urdu through correspondence course has been formulated by the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu which functions as the Secretariat of the Taraqqi-e-Urdu Board. The scheme envisages two types of correspondence courses, namely, (i) a certificate course equivalent to standard VIII; and (ii) a diploma course equivalent to standard X (matric). The duration of each course will be 12 months. The implementation of the scheme is expected to be taken up next year.

Publication and Sale of books by Taraqqi-e-Urdu Board

3971. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many books in Urdu have been published so far by the Taraqqi-e-Urdu Board;

(b) what is the sale position of every book and what is the number of each title lying unsold; and

(c) what is the number of staff in the Board dealing with the job of publication and sale of books?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI-MATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATA-KI): The Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3097/78].

(b) A statement giving the sale and stock position of each title is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in E.Foc8 shrdlu cmfwyp cmfwypwy]

(c) The Bureau has a total staff strength of 38 persons. Most of them are dealing with various aspects involved in the publication and sale of books through internal arrangement.

Technical Assistant to Chairman of Taraqqi-e-Urdu Board

3972. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any post of "Technical Assistant to the Chairman" in the Taraqqi-e-Urdu Board;

(b) if so, why it has been lying vacant;

(c) since which date it has been lying vacant;

(d) what are the reasons for this position; and

(e) when the post will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI-MATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKATA-KI): (a) No, Sir.

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