

COMMITTEE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HISTORY  
TEXT BOOKS

**814. Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the chief principles formulated by the Committee for the improvement of History text books and whether any text books have been or are being written in accordance with these?

(b) What are the principles formulated for the guidance of teachers?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 31.]

LITERACY IN TRIPURA

**815. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state what is the percentage of illiteracy in Tripura?

(b) Is it a fact that a non-official Organisation namely, Jana Siksha Samiti has organised about one thousand primary schools for the last five years?

(c) How many of them receive Government aid and how many still remain to receive aid?

(d) Why several thousands of rupees from Education Head have been surrendered this year?

(e) What steps do Government propose to take to remove illiteracy in Tripura?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** (a) 87.3 per cent.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) This year's allotment for grant-in-aid to Primary schools has been fully utilised and not surrendered.

(e) 80 Primary Schools and 10 Lower Vernacular Schools, with Boarding House facilities, have been started during the year 1952-53 under Tribal Welfare Schemes. Provision for new schools and Boarding Houses has also been made for the year 1953-54.

UNCULTIVABLE LAND IN MANU AND DEO  
VALLEY (TRIPURA)

**816. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** (a) Will the Minister of States be pleased to state whether it is a fact that about seven square miles of land in the Manu

and Deo Valley in Tripura State are flooded each year causing damage to crops and rendering a large tract of land uncultivable?

(b) If so, what steps do Government propose to take to prevent this and reclaim the tract for agriculture?

**The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju):** (a) Yes.

(b) A scheme is under preparation.

VACANCIES IN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY

**817. Shri H. S. Prasad:** (a) Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state how many permanent vacancies in the grade of Superintendents, Assistants, and Clerks occurred in the External Affairs Ministry as a result of the Central Government employees opting for Pakistan in July-August 1947?

(b) Is it a fact that according to a Home Ministry's directive it was the responsibility of each administrative Ministry to absorb those who opted for India, from their offices in areas now in Pakistan?

(c) If so, how many employees who opted for India, and were serving in areas now in Pakistan, were absorbed in the External Affairs Ministry initially and how many were absorbed later on, on their representation?

**The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju):** (a) The number of vacancies was as follows:—

Superintendents	Nil
Assistants	12
Clerks	10

(b) Yes; each department was asked to absorb all such persons, as far as possible, and to report any surplus or deficit to the Home Department for inter-departmental adjustment.

(c) Thirty-one initially and one on representation.

GRANTS TO STATES IN NON-HINDI SPEAKING  
AREAS

**818. Shri Achuthan:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether the Government of India make any specific grant to States in non-Hindi speaking areas to meet expenditure for teaching Hindi?

(b) If so, what amount has been so sanctioned and to which States since the coming into force of the Constitution of India?