

Books to develop "Scientific temper Humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform"

8044. SHRIMATI VIDYA CHENNU-PATI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to develop in the student the "scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform" which is one of the fundamental duties laid down under Article 51A of the Constitution;

(b) have any books been prepared on the subject and the subject included in the curriculum of schools; and

(c) if not, whether such books are proposed to be prepared in different languages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) to (c). The Frame-work of the Curriculum for the Ten Year School developed by NCERT states, "The teaching of science and mathematics will have to be upgraded and the curriculum continually renewed in order to give our children modern knowledge, develop their curiosity, teach them the scientific method of inquiry and prepare them for competent participation in a changing society and culture, increasingly dependent on a rational outlook leading to better utilisation of science and technology", and further, "All subjects should be taught in such a manner as to foster the spirit of scientific humanism".

Specific books on this subject have not been prepared by NCERT as these ideas are difficult to convey in isolation. However, in all textbooks of science and mathematics developed by NCERT an attempt has been made to fuse these ideas.

Setting up of Inquiry/Review Committee

8045. DR. A. U. AZMI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many inquiry/review committees were set up by JNU till date;

(b) the purpose for which each of these committees was set up;

(c) the names of the convenors/chairmen of these committees, along with the names of the members;

(d) action taken by University/Government on the findings; and

(e) if no action has been taken, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) to (e). The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Action taken on the recommendations fo Tata Consultancy Services on Working of D.T.C.

8046. DR. A. U. AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2405 on 4-12-1980 regarding recommendations of Tata Consultancy Services on working of D.T.C. and state:

(a) details of action taken on Serial No. 5 of Annexure II and whether Sena Bhavan has been included in the list of 41 heavy loading points;

(b) whether the city service is suffering from lack of cushion seats in buses particularly those operated by private operators; and

(c) details of examinations of serial Nos. 34 to 37 and 39 of Annexure II of the Report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) D.T.C. checking staff has been posted at 80 heavy loading points in the city to ensure speedy clearance of traffic, formation of passengers queue and proper parking of buses.