

**Shrimati Manjula Devi:** What about the moral and spiritual education of teachers? Is there any scheme for the teachers?

**Mr Speaker:** For teachers (*Interruptions*)

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** If we could give proper education to our students in the educational institutions, we would have educated the future teachers because teachers will come out of the educational institutions

**Text-books Prescribed for Schools in Kerala**

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\*2204. { **Shri Maniyangadan:**  
**Shri Kutt Krishnan Nair:**  
**Shri Nallakoya:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 621 on the 5th December, 1958 and state

(a) whether the examination of the representation received in connection with text-books prescribed for schools in Kerala has since been completed, and

(b) if so, what are the conclusions arrived at?

**The Minister of Education (Dr K. L. Shrimali):** (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The matter has been dropped

**Shri Maniyangadan:** May I know whether a committee was appointed by the State Government to go into this question and whether the report submitted by the committee has been looked into by this Government?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** As far as I am aware, the State Government had a proposal to appoint a committee. I have no information, and I am not in a position to give to the House any more information.

**Shri V. Kacharam:** May I know whether it has come to the notice of the hon Minister that at the 13th session of the Basic Education Con-

ference Vinobaji took the view that the nationalisation of text-books is regimentation of minds and thoughts of the people? If so, how does this Government view the nationalisation of text-books in Kerala?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** Vinobaji is quite free to express his opinion

**Shri Maniyangadan:** May I know whether it appeared in the papers—and all sorts of statements were made by responsible people—that these text-books contain lessons which wounded the religious and political sentiments of the people?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** I do not want to express any opinion. This is really a matter of opinion. As I said, as far as we are concerned, we have dropped this matter.

**Shri Narayanankntty Menon:** May I know whether it is a fact that the subscribers of the memorandum have objected to the inclusion of the Prime Minister's books *Letters to his Daughter* because it disseminates materialism?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** This does not arise out of this question.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Is it not a fact that the University Grants Commission in its last report has pointedly invited the attention of the Government to the need for paying some attention to this question of preparing certain text-books and, if so, what is the Government's reaction to it?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** I cannot understand how this question can arise here. This makes reference to certain representations received in connection with text-books in Kerala. My friend is raising the question which does not have any relation to this particular question tabled in the House.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** It is directly related to that.

**Shri Maniyangadan:** May I know whether the Central Government has got a body to go into the text-books

and may I know the reason why this matter has been dropped without going into the text-books?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** Text-book is really a matter with which the State Governments are concerned, and they are quite free to prescribe the text-books as they like, and intimation to be sent to Government was not necessary. Therefore, we have dropped this matter.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Just now the hon. Minister said that this is a State subject and that is why they have dropped the matter. Here arises the question as to whether it is not a fact that the University Grants Commission has asked the Central Government to take action in this matter.

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** I have told my hon. friend that this really is a matter which deals with school text-books. The University Grants Commission deals with universities, and I cannot really understand how this question arises out of this particular question which the hon. Member has put.

**Mr. Speaker:** Does this cover the books of elementary schools also?

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Text-books are not only for the schools but for the universities also.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member wanted to know whether the Central Government has appointed a committee to go into the moral and spiritual education, and in the matter of any text-book anywhere in any State, hypothetically, containing immoral propaganda, whether the Centre is going to keep quiet. That is exactly what the hon. Member wants.

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** I am afraid the Central Government cannot intervene in a matter like this.

### Manuscripts of Late Lala Lajpat Rai

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\*2205. { Shri Hem Raj:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri P. G. Deb:  
Shri S. A. Mehdi:  
Shri Prakash V. Shastri:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an original work entitled "Recollections of work for an independent India" by the late Lala Lajpat Rai was handed over by an old friend of the late Lala Lajpat Rai to Shri Chagla, India's Ambassador in USA for being kept in the National Archives of India;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to publish it; and

(c) if so, when?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall):** (a) A manuscript in Lala Lajpat Rai's handwriting containing "Recollections of Life and Work for an Independent India while living in the United States and Japan during 1914—17" was presented on 15th April, 1959 to the Indian Ambassador in the United States by the Director of the New York Public Library with a request to transmit it to the National Archives of India

(b) and (c) The question of publishing this manuscript will be considered on its receipt by the National Archives

**Shri Hem Raj:** May I know whether it is not a fact that there are certain other manuscripts of Lala Lajpat Rai and whether efforts will be made to get them and also publish them?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** Certainly; if any manuscripts are available we will be glad to have them. If the hon. Member has any information about any of the manuscripts he may kindly convey the information to me.