

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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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.