

whether there is any proposal of using in the desert areas of Rajasthan the wind-mills newly designed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research for lift irrigation purposes?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): Surveys of wind velocity have been conducted in certain parts of Rajasthan and it has been ascertained that potentiality exists in the Jodhpur region. The question of installing wind-mills is under consideration.

Text-books in Delhi Schools

1356. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the text-books of all subjects have been prescribed for all classes in Government and aided and Corporation schools in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some such schools are teaching from books which have not been prescribed as text-books; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) The procedure regarding the prescription of text-books in Delhi schools is as under:

(i) *Primary and Middle Classes (Classes I to VIII):* Text-books for all the subjects taught in these classes are prescribed by the Directorate of Education.

(ii) *High and Higher Secondary Classes—IX to XI:*

(a) Specific text-books are prescribed for

1. English;
2. Modern Indian Languages; and
3. Classical Languages.

(b) For other subjects (leaving Science and Technical subjects) books are recommended.

(c) For Science and Technical subjects no book is either prescribed or recommended but the Heads of the schools can choose any book which covers the syllabus.

So far as the Primary and Middle classes are concerned, text-books according to the existing syllabus are already prescribed. However, an integrated syllabus for Basic and non-Basic schools is at present under preparation and text-books according to the new syllabus will be prescribed after the same has been finalised.

So far as Higher Secondary schools are concerned, text-books for English, Modern Indian Languages and Classical Languages have been prescribed. In the case of other subjects the position is as stated under items (ii), (b) and (c) above.

(b) No, Sir, so far as I am aware.

(c) Does not arise.

Expenditure Tax

1357. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of expenditure tax assessments, collections and arrears from 1st April, 1959 upto the 30th November, 1959 (State-wise); and

(b) what steps have been taken to realise the arrears of expenditure-tax?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) The total demand raised during the period 1st April, 1959 to 31st October, 1959, as a result of expenditure tax assessments amounted to Rs. 41.74 lakhs. A sum of Rs. 12.33 lakhs was collected during this period, leaving a balance of Rs. 29.41 lakhs to be collected. State-wise figures upto 30th November, 1959, are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.