

Translation of Kannada Books

2380. { Shri Agadi:
Shri Sugandhi:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Kannada books, the translation of which into other modern Indian languages is pending in Sahitya Akademi for more than a year; and

(b) the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): ((a) and (b). Selections are being made of the following six books which will be translated into suitable modern Indian languages after they have first been published in Kannada:

- (1) Anthology of Short Stories.
- (2) Anthology of Essays.
- (3) Anthology of One-act plays.
- (4) Selections from Purandara-dasa.
- (5) Selected Vachanas of Basavanna.
- (6) Selections from Bharatesha Vaibhava.

Laying of Pipelines

2381. Shrimati Mafida Ahmed: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 762 on the 7th December, 1960 and state:

(a) who is entrusted with the actual work of laying pipelines from Nahorkatiya oil fields to Noonmati;

(b) whether global tenders were invited for this work; and

(c) what was the basis of considering the tenders?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) M/s. Mannesmann-Saipem.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The prices quoted and the competency of the firm to handle a project of this nature formed the basis of consideration of the tender.

Foreign Post Office, New Delhi

2382. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three files and four thousand four hundred rupees were lost from the Foreign Post Office, New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any person has been arrested in this connection?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b) Indian currency amounting to four hundred rupees confiscated to the Government and the concerned files were found missing on 5-12-1960 from the steel almira in the office of the Principal Postal Appraiser, New Delhi.

(c) A case has been registered with the Police who are making investigations. No arrest has been made.

Mineral Survey of Himachal Pradesh

2383. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether mineral survey of Himachal Pradesh and the hilly areas of Punjab has been conducted so far during the Second Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The details of the mineral investigations carried out by the Geological Survey of India in the Himachal Pradesh and the hilly areas of Punjab so far during the Second Five Year Plan period are as follows:

Himachal Pradesh:

Alum.—Occurs in Jakhri and in a road cutting near Tatal. Both the occurrences are very small and are