

Text books for Classes IX X & XI, which are prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi, are reported to be available in the market.

Import of Books

612 SHRI M RAM GOPAL REDDY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI) be pleased to state

(a) the amount being spent on the import of books from foreign countries ,

(b) whether a few of the imported books could be reprinted here after paying royalty to the writer or publisher as the case may be , and

(c) whether Government propose to ban the import of non-copyright books and Classics like Milton, Shakespeare or Dante ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRAIAYA MEN UPMANTRI (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) (a) The amount spent on import of books in 1969-70 was of the order of Rs. 4,16,62,000 and in 1970-71 (upto November, 1970) was Rs 3,26,65,000

(b) Such reprints of foreign books are possible under agreement with foreign publishers and many such books are already being reproduced in the country.

(c) No such ban is at present under consideration, but importers have been exhorted not to import books which are available in reprints in India. Importation, however, of certain books known to be

available in India, e.g. The Complete Works of Shakespeare and few other general books have also been banned.

Loans Advanced to different Categories of People by the State Bank of India in Gujarat

613. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI Will the Minister of FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) be pleased to state the number of farmers, landless labourers and low income people who have been given loans by the State Bank of India in Gujarat during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) (SHRI YESHWANT RAO CHAVAN) The number of farmers' borrowal accounts with State Bank and its subsidiaries in Gujarat as at the end of December, 1970 was 23050 and the amount outstanding in these accounts stood at Rs 7.79 crores. Information relating to the preceding years is not available.

Figures of loans given to landless labourers and low income people as such are not kept by the banks. However, the number of account holders to whom loans of Rs 1000/- and below have been granted by State Bank in Gujarat under 'small business finance', 'small scale industries' etc was 4927 in 1970, 3073 in 1969 and 2624 in 1968. Amounts outstanding in these accounts, however, are not available.

Lack of Proper Roadways in Gujarat

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