

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

614 SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING &

TRANSPORT (NAUWAHAN AUR PARIVAHAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that nearly fifty percent of the areas of Gujarat has not been developed by roadways till now .

(b) if so, what is the programme of Government to complete the main roads joining the headquarters of the various districts of Gujarat State, and

(c) the decision taken by Government to construct and develop the coastal high-ways and the roads near the border of Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SANSADIYA KARYA PATHA NAUWAHAN AUR PARIVAHAN MANTRI) (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course

Assistance to Gujarat for Drought
Affected Areas

615. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI
Will the Minister of FINANCE (VITTA

MANTRI) be pleased to state the amount of special aid given for the Districts of Kutch, Banaskantha, Mehsana, Sabar-kantha and part of Ahmedabad every year to fight against the drought conditions which prevail every year in these areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (VITTA MANTRAI AYA MLN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI K R JANISII) Central assistance to States towards expenditure on drought relief measures is provided on an overall basis and does not relate to individual districts. The following amounts were sanctioned to the Government of Gujarat towards expenditure incurred on drought relief measures in the State during the past three years :

	(Rs. in crores)
1968-69	4.50
1969-70	16.50
1970-71	5.04

According to reports received from the State Government from time to time, the expenditure incurred on drought relief measures in the districts of Ahmedabad, Banaskantha, Kutch, Mehsana and Sabar-Kantha during the period 1-10-1968 to 31 12 1970 was as follows :

(Rs. in lakhs.)

Name of the District	1 10,1968	1.10,1969
	to 30,9 1969	to 31,12,1970
1. Ahmedabad	52.75	53.10
2. Banaskantha	220.66	304.63
3. Kutch	262.01	405.93
4. Mehsana	97.33	63.18
5. Sabarkantha	287.14	114.51

These figures do not reflect expenditure incurred by certain centralised agencies.