

and availability of good books on India's culture at cheaper prices and for free distribution to the foreign tourists ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI AUR SANSKRITI VIBHAG MANTRI) (SHRI SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) Books on India's culture are published also by many Governmental agencies such as the three National Academies, viz., The Sangeet Natak Akademi, The Sahitya Akademi and the Lalit Kala Akademi ; The National Book Trust, The Archaeological Survey of India, The National Museum, The Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the Publications Division of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. These are, however, meant for students of History and Culture and general readers. Most of these are subsidized and their price is kept low. These are, however, not meant for free distribution to the tourists.

Working of the Nationalised Banks

701. SHRI R. S. PANDEY : Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently made a review of the working of the nationalised banks and, if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether it is proposed to make more improvements into the present working of those banks ; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal in this regard and when the same will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) (SHRI YESHWANT-RAO CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) The working

of the nationalised banks is kept under continual review. In particular, their performance in the matter of branch expansion, deposit mobilisation and advances to the hitherto neglected sectors is watched every month. Important policy questions relating to the working of the nationalised banks are reviewed periodically at the meetings of the chief executives of the public sector banks. Recently, at a meeting which the Finance Minister took of the chief executives of the public sector banks in the last week of April, 1971, extensive discussions took place in regard to recruitment and training of personnel, improvement in customer service as also the creation of adequate employment opportunities, extension of credit to self-employed persons and adequate credit planning for each bank, the urgency of stepping up deposits and keeping down the borrowings from the Reserve Bank, and adequate scrutiny of large loan accounts. Implementation of policy decisions is being ensured by the Board of Directors of each bank.

Forbidding of Harijans from drawing Drinking Water from Common Wells by Caste Hindus in Maharashtra

702. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the report published in the Patriot dated the 15th April, 1971 about the consistent forbidding of Harijans from drawing drinking water from the common wells by caste Hindus in Manowadi village Patan Taluka, Satara District Maharashtra ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon ; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to arrest such kind of activities ?

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