

	1969-70	1970-70	1971-72
August	174.4 (+ 0.1)	182.2 (+ 0.2)	
September	174.1 (- 0.2)	183.2 (+ 0.5)	
October	171.3 (- 1.5)	182.6 (- 0.3)	
November	168.7 (- 1.5)	181.0 (- 0.9)	
December	170.0 (+ 0.8)	181.0 (No change)	
January	173.9 (+ 2.4)	183.3 (+ 1.3)	
February	173.6 (- 0.2)	181.4 (- 1.0)	
March	175.9 (+ 1.3)	181.7 (+ 0.2)	

Figures in parentheses indicate the per cent variations over the previous month.

**Free Text Books to Primary  
School Students**

758. SHRI IYOFIRMOY BOSU  
Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR  
SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI) be pleased  
to state

(a) whether the Education Commission,  
1964-65 recommended that at the Primary  
stage a programme of providing free text  
books should be given high priority and  
introduced immediately,

(b) if so, what steps, if any, have  
been taken to implement the said recom-  
mendations,

(c) number and proportion of Primary  
school students covered by the program-

me of providing free text books till date  
in each State and Union Territory, and

(d) the proportion of students plan-  
ned to be covered by the programme by  
the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR  
SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRALAYA MEN  
UP-MANTRI) (SHRI D. P. YADAVA)

(a) Yes, Sir, the Education Commission  
recommended that free text books and  
writing material should be provided at  
the primary stage.

(b) As school education is a State  
subject, the recommendation of the Edu-  
cation Commission was forwarded to the  
State Govts. According to the information

available several States and Union Territories distribute free text books to needy students at the Primary Stage.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

#### Non-plan expenditure of States

760. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Will the Minister of FINANCE (VITTA MANTRI) be pleased to state

(a) whether the non-plan expenditure by 19 States, including Meghalaya, rose by Rs 109.11 crores during the four year period between 1967-68 to 1970-71,

(b) if so what is the use in the non-plan expenditure during this period,

(c) whether his Mantralaya had sent any directive to the State Governments to control non-plan expenditure, and

(d) if so, with what result ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (VITTA MANTRALAYA MEN RAIYA MANTRI) (SHRI K. R. GANESH) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The Government of India cannot give any directives to the States regarding the manner in which their budgets should be framed. Government have, however from time to time been urging all States to contain their expenditure, both on plan and non-plan account within the available resources.

#### Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Bill

761. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI Will the Minister of EDUCATION

AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI) be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have since finalised the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Bill, the discussion on which was postponed during the last session of the Fourth Lok Sabha,

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce the said Bill in the present session of Lok Sabha for its consideration and adoption, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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) to (c). The matter is under consideration.

राष्ट्रीयकृत बंकों की ऋण देने की नीति में किये गये परिवर्तन

762. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री . क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने अपनी ऋण देने की पुरानी नीति में कुछ परिवर्तन किये हैं ,

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ड्यौरा क्या है

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि राष्ट्रीयकृत बंकों द्वारा बड़े पूंजीपतियों को अब भी सहा की भाँति ऋण दिये जा रहे हैं , और