

cutta discussed the boundary disputes between Orissa and Bihar;

(b) whether the Orissa Government raised this question in the Conference;

(c) if so, whether any decisions have been taken in this regard;

(d) whether the difficulties of the Oriya-speaking population in the District of Singhbhum in Bihar were brought to the notice of the Council; and

(e) if so, the decisions taken to safeguard their interests?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla):** (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The proceedings of the meeting embodying *inter alia*, the decisions of the Council will be placed in the Parliament Library as usual as soon as the Proceedings are finalised.

#### Greetings by Telephone Operators

**1723. Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal that Telephone Operators in Delhi should wish 'Namaskar' instead of 'Good Morning'; and

(b) if so, when the Hindi expression will be introduced all over India?

**The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral):** (a) The proposal has already been implemented from 17th May, 1967 in Delhi.

(b) There are no proposals at present to introduce the new expression all over India.

#### Images for National Museum

**1724. Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether some images belonging to ancient times have been acquired by the National Museum from foreign countries; and

(b) if so, the amount spent in foreign exchange for bringing them to India?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education (Shri Sher Singh):**

(a) Yes, Sir, by way of gifts presented to the National Museum.

(b) No Foreign exchange expenditure was incurred by the National Museum.

#### स्कूलों की पाठ्य पुस्तकें

**1625. श्री महाराज सिंह भरती:** क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस आशय की कोई शिकायत मिली है कि स्कूलों में पाठ्य पुस्तकों के मामले में भ्रष्टाचार हो रहा है;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस आशय के मुझाव प्राप्त हुए हैं कि पाठ्य पुस्तकों के प्रकाशन का राष्ट्रीयकरण करना चाहिए और यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने राज्य सरकारों को सुझाव दिया है कि दसवीं कक्षाओं तक के विद्यार्थियों के लिये पाठ्य पुस्तकें विधिवत विकार करने के बाद एक बार मंजूर की जानी चाहियें और वे कई वर्षों तक रहनी चाहियें तथा प्रति वर्ष पुस्तकें मंजूर करने की प्रथा समाप्त कर देना चाहिये और यदि हां, तो उस पर प्रत्येक राज्य सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?