

estimated at Rs. 9 lakhs approximately.

(d) and (e). Out of the 462 titles approved for translation in Hindi, 60 titles have already been published and the remaining 402 titles are in various stages of production and publication. These include 82 titles approved for original writing in Hindi, out of which 13 titles have so far been published. Besides this, translation as well as original writing of books in various other Indian languages, such as Gujarati, Marathi, Punjabi and Kannada is also proceeding apace. In these languages, 17 books have been published so far and 7 are in the Press.

#### Inclusion of Languages in Eighth Schedule of Constitution

922. Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shri J. B. S. Bist:  
Shri Indrajit Gupta:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Bagri:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:  
Shri D. S. Patil:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approached either through representation or resolutions passed by organisations appealing to Government to include certain Indian languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the names of such languages on behalf of which claims have been made; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Sindhi, Maithili, Manipuri, Konkani, Rajasthani and Dogri.

(c) Government have decided to include only the Sindhi language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

#### Book Development Programme

923. Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
Shri Bhubuti Mishra:  
Shri K. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of book developments has become the responsibility of his Ministry;

(b) if so, the precise nature of responsibility in this regard that has developed on the Ministry;

(c) the nature of organisation set up to carry out this work;

(d) whether any plan and programme has been formulated; and

(e) if so, the important features thereof?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Ministry has been charged with the responsibility of promoting publication of indigenous books, particularly in the field of textbooks, with a view to meeting the increasing requirements of students as well as general public for suitable books at reasonable prices.

(c) to (e). It has been decided to set up a National Book Development Board. Detailed plans and programmes for book development in the country are being formulated.

#### झांसी में टेलीफोन प्रणाली

924. श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :  
श्री प्र० चं० बरुवा :  
श्री भागवत मा आजाव :  
श्री स० चं० सामन्त :  
डा० म० मो० दास :  
श्री सुबोध हंसवा :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1966 के उतरार्द्ध के आरम्भ में झांसी में एक सप्ताह के लिये टेलीफोन व्यवस्था भंग हो जाने के क्या कारण थे ;