

lish contravention of the foreign exchange regulations.

Government have no specific information about the involvement of the American Christian Mission Society Ltd. in the political life of the country.

#### School Text-Books

2166. SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA :  
SHRI HARDYAL DEVGUN :  
SHRI R. K. SINHA :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee appointed by his Ministry to go into the quality and content of School text books has criticised History books taught to children ; and

(b) if so, the recommendations thereof and the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) and (b). A Committee was set up in September, 1966, under the Chairmanship of Prof. K. G. Saiyidain to examine *inter alia* complaints regarding textbooks and to state the general principles to be adopted in the preparation and assessment of textbooks. The Committee examined some of the Language, History and Social Studies textbooks of a few States and found that, while every complaint made by some minorities was not correct, and some appeared exaggerated perhaps as a result of over-sensitiveness and suspicion, some of them had a measure of validity. An extract from the Report of the Committee about the teaching of history is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—252/69].

Copies of the report have been sent to the State Governments and the National Council of Educational Research and Training. This Report is also to be considered by the National Board of School Text-Books.

#### Recruitment to Border Security Force

2167. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the basis of recruitment to the Border Security Force ;

(b) whether domiciles of the border areas are given preference ;

(c) the details of the uniforms, food and other amenities provided to the men of the Border Security Force ;

(d) the details of the weapons by which training is given in each unit ;

(e) whether special training to control collective agitation is given to some units ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Recruitment to those posts to which direct recruitment is made, is done on an All-India basis.

(b) Generally, more people from border areas volunteer for service in the Border Security Force than others, though every eligible person, from any part of the country, can apply.

(c) Depending on the nature of requirements of different areas, suitable uniform, ration and other amenities are provided to the Border Security Force personnel.

(d) Suitable weapons have been provided to the personnel of the Border Security Force so that they can discharge their duties effectively. They are given the necessary training in the institutions of the Border Security Force as well as in their units.

(e) and (f). Adequate training in duties connected with aid to civil power is also imported to the personnel of the Border Security Force.

#### Policy Statement by Government Officials

2168. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government officers are entitled to make any policy statement without necessary approval of government ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Secre-