

### Non-Delivery of Books to National Library

827. SHRI SUBRATA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether more than half the number of books published in the country are not sent to the National Library in violation of the 'The Delivery of Books' (Public Library) Act; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) There are no reliable book production statistics available in India. Hence, it is not possible to ascertain the percentage of books sent to National Library, Calcutta, under Delivery of Books' (Public Library) Act.

(b) With a view to make the Act more effective, Government of India (Department of Culture) has taken steps to review the Delivery of Books' Act 1954 through a Committee consisting of representatives of the recipient Libraries, Book Promotion Council, Raja Rammohun Roy National Agency of International Standard Book Number and Indian Federation of Publishers under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, Department of Culture.

### New Education Policy

828. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to come out with a New Education Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (c) Periodical reviews of the Education Policy have been undertaken in the post-Independence era from time to time. At present, the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 as updated in 1992 governs the system of Education. The present Government proposes wider consultations to review the educational policies to incorporate priorities listed in the National Agenda for Governance.

### Release of Postage Stamps

829. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAN :  
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received representations for the release of postage stamps from different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise;

(c) the dates on which such demands were made earlier in each of the cases;

(d) the reasons for non-release of postage stamps so far in each case; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to fulfil the demand in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Relevant information is furnished in the Statement.

### Statement

Sl. No.	Name of State/ Sponsor	Details Regarding Proposal and date of Receipt	Date on which such Demands were made Earlier	Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Gujrat Jt. Sec. Genl. Admn. Dept. Govt. of Gujrat	Release of Stamp on Kalapi- Sursinhi Takhat Sinhji Gohel 09.01.98	No previous Proposal received	Sponsors have been asked to send biographical details of the personality for consideration as per guidelines.
2.	Haryana (a) Secretary Tourism, Govt. of Haryana. (b)-do-	(a) Release of special Stamp on Raja Nahar. 15.05.97 (b) Release of Stamp on Surajkund Crafts Mela. 20.10.97	No previous proposal receive	(a) Stamp released on 09.1.98 Philatelic Advisory  (b) To be put up for Philatelic Advisory Committee.

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Maharashtra (a) Genl Admin. Dept. Govt. of Maharashtra  (b) -do-	(a) Release of Stamp on Punjab Rao Deshmukh. 06.04.98  (b) Release of Stamp on Sri. G.G. alias Kakasaheb Cholkar, 18.06.97	(b) 08.04.94  (b) 26.08.96	(a) The proposal was not according to guidelines in 1994. This is being considered again.  (b) The proposal was con- sidered by the Philatelic Advisory Committee but not recommended.
4.	Tripura Minister of inf. & Cultural Govt. of Tripura	Stamp on themes related to Tripura	21.11.97	The proposal is under consideration
5.	Tamilnadu Sec. Public (Genl-I) Dept. Govt. of TN.	Release of stamp on Sardar A. Vadarathinam.  12.08.97.	15.07.97	The stamp was released on 25.02.98.
6.	West Bengal Mayor, Asansol Mun. Corporation.	Release of Stamp on Kazi Nazrul Islam. 21.07.97	26.04.97	Approved for release in 1999.

#### Quality of Doordarshan Programmes

830. SHRI RAMKRISHNA BABA PATIL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether standard/quality of telecast of programmes on Doordarshan has improved since Prasar Bharati Board has come into existence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the serials approved by Board have not been provided with final payments to the concerned parties; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) :  
(a) to (c) The Prasar Bharati Board has come into existence only on 23.11.97 and it is still too early to make any comment on this.

(d) No, Sir. There is no information to the effect that the Board has approved serials.

(e) Does not arise.

#### Sister Nivedita's House

831. SHRIMATI KRISHNA BOSE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any plan of preserving the house where Sister Nivedita lived in

Calcutta and where she started the girls school inspired by Swami Vivekananda;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government have any plan to celebrate the centenary of Sister Nivedita's arrival in India?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) The Government have no plans, as of now, to preserve the house in Calcutta associated with Sister Nivedita.

(c) Government support is available to voluntary organisations under the Scheme for Financial Assistance for Centenary and Anniversary Celebrations.

#### HPT Doordarshan Kendra at Mysore

832. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether High Power T.V. Transmitter was sanctioned for Mysore City;

(b) if so, the estimated cost and the amount so far spent on the said work;

(c) the time by which the above T.V. transmitter is likely to become operational; and

(d) the amount proposed to be spent during 1998-99?