

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b). No such general statement can be made and no overall assessment has been made regarding the status of Book Publishing Industry in India vis-a-vis that of other countries with reference to a particular year or a time period.

(c) and (d). The following schemes/activities have been undertaken by the National Book Trust, India to encourage Book Publishing Industry:

- (i) scheme for the subsidised publication of books;
- (ii) an exploratory scheme to encourage private publishers and voluntary agencies to produce reading material for the continuing education of neo-literates and school drop-outs;
- (iii) an exploratory scheme to encourage private publishers and voluntary agencies to produce books for children;
- (iv) scheme to set up a National Centre for Children's Literature;
- (v) organisation of book fairs, book festivals and National Book Week;
- (vi) participation in international book fairs to promote export of Indian publications;
- (vii) scheme for financial assistance to registered voluntary organisations for holding book exhibitions/book festivals/book fairs to augment book promotional activities and

(viii) 'Readers' Club movement.

(e) According to the National Library, Calcutta which is responsible for collection of data in India the number of titles published during the last three years for which data are available is as under:—

1985-86	15,720
1986-87	16,970
1987-88	16,886

Modernisation of Ordnance Depots

7663. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to modernise the working of the ordnance depots; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The plans include those for improved security, better fire fighting arrangements, introduction of containerisation and palletisation, improved communications, computerised data processing, and the progressive acquisition of material handling equipment.

Pay Scales of Staff of Pondicherry Education Department

7664. SHRI MANIK SANYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of officers of Ministry of Human Resource Development had visited Pondicherry in October 1989 to discuss the long pending pay anomalies of