

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

certain categories of staff of Education Department of Pondicherry Administration;

(b) if so, whether the Pondicherry Administration have furnished the relevant information;

(c) whether Government have issued orders for the removal of the said anomalies; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b). A team of officers visited Pondicherry in September, 1989 (not in Oct. '89 as mentioned in the question) to discuss pay anomalies of certain categories of staff, during which relevant data and information were collected. Subsequently, some more clarifications/ information were sought from them on 5.2.90 which have been received on 24.4.90.

(c) Not yet, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Research Institute at Tirumala for promoting Sanskrit Language

7665. SHRIMATI J. JAMUNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up a research Institute at Tirumala for promoting Sanskrit Language in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Tirumala-Tirupathi Devasthanams offered to extend any financial assistance for this purpose; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c). There is no proposal to set up a research Institute at Tirumala for promoting Sanskrit language. However, the Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha and given the status of deemed university. Government do not have any information on whether Tirumala-Tirupathi Devasthanam has offered to extend any financial assistance for setting up a research Institute.

Export of Dornier-228 Aircraft by HAL

7666. SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether HAL has received orders from abroad for export of Dornier-228 aircraft;

(b) if so, the names of the countries which have shown interest in buying the aircraft;

(c) the estimated value of exports; and

(d) the steps Government are taking to boost the export of Dornier-228 aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c). HAL have received an order from Mauritius for the supply of one Dornier-228 aircraft. The value of this export order would be Rs. 10 crores approximately. Algeria, Bangladesh and Nepal are the other countries, who have shown interest for the purchase of this aircraft.

(d) Export of Dornier-228 aircraft is encouraged and pursued by the Government and HAL through participation in international exhibitions, sales promotion visits, publicity and contacts with interested customers.