

(b) whether the standard text-books will be made available from the current session;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to make available technical literature and technical books at cheap rates?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad): (a) The question of nationalisation of text-books rests with the State Governments. However, according to the information available in the Ministry, all State Governments except Gujarat have nationalised text-book production at various stages and in varying degrees.

(b) and (c). The Central Government has no responsibility for making standard text-books available for use in schools. However, the National Council for Educational Research and Training has a programme of preparing model text-books in different subjects, and making them available to the State Governments for adoption and adaptation. Some of the books prepared by the Council have already been prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi and Delhi Administration.

(d) Standard works of foreign and Indian origin including technical books mainly at the University level are republished in English in low-priced editions for use of students in India.

C.B.I. Report on P.L. 480 Funds

***801. Shri Bhogendra Jha:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C.B.I. has submitted an interim report regarding the use of C.I.A. and P.L. 480 funds in the last General Elections; and

(b) if so, whether Government intend to undertake adequate and necessary steps with regard to the same and if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) The Intelligence Bureau have submitted a report after inquiring into allegations regarding the use of foreign funds in the recent General Elections and for other purposes.

(b) The report is being examined carefully. Government will take some time to formulate their conclusions on the report and to decide whether any further inquiries are necessary.

नये नमूनों की डाक टिकटें

- *802. श्री शिव कुमार शास्त्री :**
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श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुशावाह :
डा० सूर्य प्रकाश पुरी :
श्री रामावतार शर्मा :
श्री आरम दत्त :
श्री अर्जुन सिंह भर्दारिया :

क्या संभार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने डाक टिकटों को विदेशी डाक टिकटों जैसा सुन्दर एवं आकर्षक बनाने के लिये उनके नये नमूने तैयार करने के बारे में कोई निर्णय किया है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने देश की कलात्मक कृतियों को भी ध्यान में रखा है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो ऐसा न करने के क्या कारण हैं ?

संस्कृत-कार्य तथा संभार विभाग में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री इ० कु० गुजराज) : (क) तथा (ख) जी हाँ ।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।