

the amount released to the ICHR and the National Archives of India is Rs. 198.00 lakhs. The ICHR expects to complete the project by December, 1992.

(b) Government funding of the Project will cease from the end of March 1992; the remaining work will be completed by the ICHR on its own.

#### **Sahitya Academy Award for URDU**

4185. DR. Z. A. AHMAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is resentment amongst Urdu Writers on the manner in which selection of Urdu novel for Sahitya Academy Award has been done;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the selection was made; and

(c) Government's reaction, thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Sahitya Academy, an autonomous organisation, have stated that opinions on literary matters differ and that there are reports in the newspapers, both in favour and against the Urdu Award.

(b) The Sahitya Academy Awards are declared following the rules and procedure governing the Sahitya Academy Awards. The procedure is outlined in the Statement. (See below)

(c) The Government does not interfere in the selection procedures of the Sahitya Academy for its Awards as it is an autonomous organisation.

#### **Statement**

The procedure followed for selecting a book for the Sahitya Academy Award is as follows:

An expert is requested to prepare a ground list of books published during the preceding three years that are worthy of consideration. The Literary Associations recognised in the language are also requested to furnish a ground list of books

published during the period. In the first round, the ground lists received are collated and sent to 25 advisers in the Preliminary Panel for recommending five books each from the ground list or of their own. In the second round recommendations received from these advisers are collated and referred back to the same advisers in the preliminary Panel with the request to recommend only one title each now. Copies of the books are procured as per the recommendations made by the preliminary Panel advisers and are sent to the three readers in the final panel (including the Convener) for reading them and giving their order of preferences to each book. The order of preferences received from the three final panel readers are placed before the Executive Board of the Akademi which declares the Award after considering the same.

#### **Review of Literacy Mission in Uttar Pradesh**

4186. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the work done and grant given under Literacy Mission to Uttar Pradesh has been conducted; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard separately?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Review and evaluation constitute integral part of Programme Implementation under National Literacy Mission. This has been done in case of Uttar Pradesh as in the case of other States and Union Territories from time to time.

(b) Two comprehensive reviews were undertaken at the level of Director General, National Literacy Mission on 6th September, 1988 and 9-11 September, 1989 respectively. These reviews covered all aspects of Programme implementation including the magnitude of the problem of illiteracy and achievements under the programme. Similarly, the Director General, National Literacy Mission reviewed the