

Affairs of Directorate of Education Andaman Administration

1294. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Education recently purchased large scale library books from M/s. Modern Book Depot, Calcutta;

(b) whether any vigilance enquiry is going on into this purchase deal; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) According to information furnished by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration, the Education Department had purchased library books worth Rs. 4971, Rs. 25,174 and Rs. 18,552 during the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80, respectively, from M/s. Modern Book Depot, Calcutta. On the basis of a pseudonymous complaint, a vigilance enquiry is going on in respect of the purchases made during the year 1978-79.

Report on the Sardar Sarovar Reservoir of the Narmada Scheme

1295. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the scrutiny of the report submitted by the Government of Gujarat on the Sardar Sarovar Reservoir of the Narmada Scheme; and

(b) by when a decision on the report is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The report on the Sardar Sarovar project has been examined by the Central Water Commission and comments have been sent to the State Government, replies to which are awaited. The Government of Gujarat have also sent

the project report to the other party States. Their concurrence/comments are yet to be received. The project report will also have to be examined by the Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee which has recently been constituted. It is, thus, not possible to indicate at present the time by which the project report will be finally approved.

Regional Offices of Sahitya Akademi

1296. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Regional offices of the Sahitya Akademi and the places where these are situated;

(b) what are the specific functions of these offices;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Regional Office is too much overloaded with the work relating to the North-Eastern Region; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to start a separate regional office of this Akademi for Assam and the North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Three, at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

(b) To follow up the Programmes of the Sahitya Akademi in the languages of the region concerned.

Some printing work in other languages (including English) is also attended to by the Regional Offices. Printing of Sanskrit Publications has been undertaken by the Regional Offices at Calcutta and Madras, and the work relating to the printing of publications in Tibetan has been assigned to the Regional Office at Calcutta.

Arrangement for sale of Publications in all languages have been made at the three Regional Offices.