

established in the country of the order of 1 million lines per annum during the decade.

(2) From technical point of view, electronic switching systems are considerably superior to the electro-mechanical systems now working in the country as they enhance the performance of the exchanges, the network as a whole and provide many new facilities to the subscribers and are more economical compared to electromechanical exchanges.

(3) It needs to be explicitly stated that import of technology will be necessary for setting up the electronic switching system factory.

(4) The Working Group therefore strongly recommends that the second factory that is proposed to be set up during the current Plan by the Ministry of Communications should be for production of electronic exchange equipment with a capacity of 5 lakh lines per annum.

(5) The technology package for the manufacture of electronic switching systems is among the most contemporary and sophisticated which necessitates that a suitable management culture for the continued development and evolution of these systems is devised. It was therefore the considered view of the Working Group that the optimum solution would be to set up a totally new and independent corporate entity under the Ministry of Communications at the earliest, on the lines suggested above without tying it up with any existing unit.

(6) The Working Group therefore recommends that a third new switching factory to produce electronic exchange equipment with a capacity of 5 lakh lines per annum should be set up during the beginning of the Seventh Five Year Plan—factory to start production by 1985-86.

(7) It is absolutely essential to take up the development of the system SPC-2 to create indigenous R & D capability for catching up with the fast moving electronic system technology which is changing every 3-4 years. An R & D capability which is kept abreast with the latest trends abroad will enable continuous up-dating of the technology now being imported by local development complemented by selective purchases of new technologies where appropriate.

The Working Group had also given other recommendations spelling out the details of methodology based on these main recommendations.

National Book Trust

*136. PROF. AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many books have so far been published by the National Book Trust of India in English and the different Indian languages;

(b) whether it is fact that NBT gives more importance to English than to Indian languages in its programme for publication and writing of books;

(c) whether world classics in different foreign languages have been translated into Indian languages;

(d) if so, the details of such translations and publications;

(e) whether writings of Mahatma Gandhi and other national leaders have been made available by the NBT to all Indian language readers; if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether NBT has the responsibility of translating significant works in each Indian language into all other Indian languages and to publish them; if so, what is the record of achievement of NBT in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) As on 31-10-80, the Trust has published 2146 titles. Of these 361 are in English and 1785 are in Indian languages.

(b) No, Sir. As reply to part (a) of the Question indicates, more than 80 per cent of the total number of titles published by the Trust are in Indian languages.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha. (See below).

(e) The Trust does not undertake publication of writings of national leaders as these are being published by other Government/autonomous organisations.

(f) Under its 'Aadan Pradan' series, the Trust selects outstanding books from each major Indian language for translation and publication into other major Indian languages. 462 translations have been published so far under this programme.

Statement

World classics in different foreign languages translated into Indian languages by National Book Trust

1. A Golden Treasury of Persian Poetry—Hadi Hasan (English).

2. Forgotten Empire—Robert Sewell (English).

3. Trial and Death of Socrates—Plato (Hindi, Bengali, Malayalam).

4. Tale of Two Cities—Charles Dickens (Hindi, Kannada, Oriya, Urdu).

5. Marcopolo—Mauris Caulis (Hindi, Tamil).

6. Judy-Iaxmi by Neomi Mitchison (Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Oriya, Tamil, Telugu).

7. The Edicts of Ashoka—N.A. Nikam and Richard Mckeon (Bengali, Tamil).

8. The Transposed Heads—Thomas Mann (Bengali, Kannada, Oriya, Tamil).

9. Man's Worldly Goods—Leo Hunerman, (Bengali, Kannada).

10. The Conquest of Happiness—Bertrand Russell (Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil).

11. The Pearl—John Steinbeck (Kannada).

12. Robinson Crusoe—Daniel Defoe (Marathi, Punjabi).

Construction of Memorial at Shanti Vana

*137. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to let out a portion of land at Shanti Vana for construction of a memorial in the memory of late Shri Jawaharlal Nehru or any one else; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Dispute between Landlords and Tenants

*138. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: SHRI JASWANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report