

SHRI DEORAO PATIL: Even in the Sevagram college, capitation fee is charged.

SHRI H. S. NARASIAH: If these private medical colleges have no other financial backing, except to depend upon this capitation fees only, why should affiliation and recognition be granted to them, even for starting these colleges? Could that not be withheld by the authorities concerned?

SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE: Sir, I have repeatedly told the hon. Members that Government's attitude in regard to this matter is hardening every day.

*305. [The questioner (Shri Syed Ahmad Hashmi) was absent. For answer vide col. *infra*]

National book trust publications

*306. SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

SHRI HIMMAT SINH: †

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI

KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to refer the answer to Starred Question 331 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th March, 1976 and state:

(a) whether Government have fixed responsibility for publication of books by the National Book Trust which are lying unsold; and

(b) if so, what are the details therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) The books published by the Trust are very carefully selected not on commercial considerations but to serve a

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Himmat Singh.

social purpose. There is, therefore, no question of fixing responsibility for the unsold stocks.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI HIMMAT SINH: Sir, I am surprised to hear from the hon. Minister that there is no question of fixing any responsibility when it is known to all of us that large stocks of books are lying unsold. They have been lying piled up in stock. They are actually getting moth-eaten now. They involve a huge amount. In spite of this, if the hon. Minister says that there is no question of fixing any responsibility, I really do not know what question I should ask.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your supplementary?

SHRI HIMMAT SINH: I would like to know whether any responsibility has been fixed in regard to this matter.

SHRI D. P. YADAV: The total value of the books published by the National Book Trust is about Rs. 1,77,00,000. Out of this, we have sold 50 per cent and 50 per cent is in stock. Therefore, we cannot say that all of them are lying unsold. We have sold 50 per cent. During the last two years, the sale has been increasing rapidly.

SHRI HIMMAT SINH: The hon. Minister may be encouraged to feel content that they have sold 50 per cent of the stock. In regard to the balance, however I would like to know for how long they have been lying unsold and the amount involved.

SHRI D. P. YADAV: Sir, the Public Accounts Committee also considered this question and they have suggested something. In the Publications Division, we have a process called 'weeding out'. The books which are lying unsold for a period of 5 years are distributed to the different libraries through our agencies.

SHRI HIMMAT SINH: Sir, my question has not been answered.

MR. CHAIRMAN: How long they are lying unsold? That is his question.

SHRI D. P. YADAV: Very few old books are lying unsold.

MR. CHAIRMAN: How long?

SHRI D. P. YADAV: We can say about 7-9 years.

SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN: Sir, Bengali language is known for its richness, tradition and heritage. It is spoken by a large number of people who are known for their studiousness. But I find the rate of sale of Bengali books is the lowest. May I know what are the obstacles preventing the National Book Trust from disposing of the books among such a studious people as the Bengalis?

SHRI D. P. YADAV: Sir, the subjects in which NBT books are being published are: India—its Land and People, National Biography, Popular Science, The World of Today, Young India, etc. This is more or less the theme on which we publish the books and we translate them into the different languages. In Bengali there are nineteen titles which have been published and we are trying to push their sales.

डा० लोकेश चन्द्र: मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ—प्रश्न कोई नहीं है कि—जन 8-9 वर्ष से पुस्तकें पढ़ी हुई हैं तो सामान्य नियम के अनुसार आप उनको तीन वर्ष के बाद राइट-ऑफ कर सकते हैं। जो पुस्तकें तीन वर्ष से अधिक समय से पढ़ी हुई हैं उनको राइट-ऑफ कर दिया जाय और जिनको राइट-ऑफ कर दिया जाय उनको दिल्ली के स्कूलों में या जो आसपास के प्रदेश हैं उत्तर प्रदेश, हरियाणा, राजस्थान के स्कूलों में बांट दिया जाए। फिर यह प्रश्न बार-बार नहीं उठेगा।

श्री डी० पी० यादव: अध्यक्ष जी, पिछले साल हम लोगों ने 4 लाख 52 हजार रुपये की किताबें बांटी थीं। कुछ ऐसी किताबें भी निकल रही हैं जो बिक रही हैं। इसलिए सब को राइट-ऑफ करने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND: According to the statement made by the hon. Minister, the sales have picked up during the last two years and now the backlog is

only 50 per cent. I only want to observe that either the selection is wrong or there is something seriously wrong with the sales arrangements. I want to ask what steps have been taken to send these books to news papers and magazines which regularly run literary columns so that these books are reviewed properly and therefore come to the notice of the people. Secondly, what steps are taken to ask the State Governments who make purchases from out of a Central fund for passing on to the various libraries the books that they purchase from the National Book Trust?

SHRI D. P. YADAV: Sir, formerly the sales were channelised through some sole selling agents. We have reviewed that and now found that sole selling agency was not the proper way through which we should dispose of the books. So we have our own departmental agency and that is why the sales have picked up during the last three years. As to the distribution of books to the State libraries, I have already written to the State Governments that they should also encourage purchase of the NBT books.

श्री गुरुदेव गुप्त: माननीय मंत्री जी ने अभी बताया है कि लगभग 50 प्रतिशत पुस्तकें बिना बिकी हुई पड़ी हैं और उनकी अवधि 8 से 9 वर्ष हो चुकी है मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसमें कितनी धनराशि लगी हुई और कितनी आर्थिक क्षति हुई है इन पुस्तकों के न बिकने से?

श्री डी० पी० यादव: अध्यक्ष जी, अगर इन पुस्तकों के मूल्य का हिसाब लगाया जाय तो 43 लाख रुपये की पुस्तकें हमारे पास हैं।

Measures to improve the breed of Milch cattle

*307. SHRI S. W. DHABE†:

SHRI N. K. BHATT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state the measures Government propose to take to implement the directive Principles contained in article 48 of the Constitution of India for preserving and improving the

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri S. W. Dhabe.