

Statement

(a) A statement of the approximate figures of the unsold stocks of National Book Trust books as on 1st January, 1974, is as follows:

Language	Number of book in stock
English	7.49 lakhs
Hindi	4.58 lakhs
Regional languages . .	10.93 lakhs
Total	23.00 lakhs

(b) The Government have appointed a committee to examine, inter alia, the pricing, printing, distribution and sale of the National Book Trust publications and to suggest economy in their production as also their rapid disposal. The report of this committee is awaited.

Township of the Indus Valley Civilization

♦308. SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH:

SHRI SAWA1SINGH SISO-DIA:

SHRIMATI LAXIMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Archaeology has recently unearthed in Haryana a well-planned township belonging to the period of the Indus Valley Civilization; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b) A statement of the finds is placed on the Table of the House.

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Excavations, carried out by the Department of Archaeology, Government of Haryana, at Banawali Sotra in District Hisar, have brought to light remains of a settlement belonging to the Indus Valley Civilization. The exposed structures provide evidence of a well planned city with a grid pattern layout of the houses. Typical Harappan pottery, both plain and painted was in use. A few sherds of the pre-Harappan fabric could also be observed. Among the other finds, special mention may be made of chert blades and weight*, copper fragments (one hook and one hair-pin) faience bangles, steatite beads, terracotta bulls and a variety of terracotta cakes.

Restriction on serving food on social gathering

*309. SHRI J. S. ANAND : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have advised the State Government to impose restriction on the number of persons to be invited for feasts on marriages and other social and community gatherings; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The maximum number of persons including host(s) to be served with foodstuffs made from cereals, pulses and all sweets are restricted to 25 at ordinary parties and to 100 at parties connected with marriages and funerals.

Immigration of doctors and nurses (• U.K. and U.S.A.)

•125. SHRI O. P. TYAGI:

SHRI SASANKA SHEKHAR SANYAL :

SHRI MONORANJAN ROY: SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH:

† Transferred from the 26th April, 1974.