

The Council has also informed that the matter about alleged derogatory remarks in the text books is *sub judice* at present. The publishers have taken the stand that they brought out a new edition wherein the objectionable words have been removed.

National Book Promotion Policy

†1946. SHRI JAI PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the task force constituted in February this year for formulating National Book Promotion Policy has presented its recommendations to Government;
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir. The Task Force has prepared a draft of the 'National Book Promotion Policy' which is being considered in consultation with various stakeholders. So far five meetings of Task Force has been held for consideration of the Draft 'National Book Promotion Policy.' A Round Table Discussion under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development was also held on 16.10.2010.

- (b) and (c) Not applicable.

Slashing of grants by foreign universities

1947. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that foreign universities have slashed grants;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether this would affect the Indian students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Universities established and functioning in foreign countries, are not under jurisdiction of the Government of India; and, therefore, no such information is maintained.

- (b) Does not arise.

(c) The choice to pursue education in foreign universities by Indian students is not regulated by the Government.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.