

terminology is a pre-requisite for writing of books in Indian languages particularly in regard to books in science and technical subjects. The Board has, therefore, undertaken the work of evolution of terminology in Urdu. It has so far finalised 15374 technical terms in science and humanities which have been made available to the authors and translators. Two seminars for the benefit of translators and authors have been organised and three more such seminars will be organised in the near future. The Board is also arranging the import of Urdu typewriters with the help of UNESCO coupons. Steps have been taken to augment the printing capacity of the existing presses in Urdu by importing Urdu matrices for the manufacture of Urdu types. Arrangements are also being made through voluntary organisations for providing training in calligraphy and Urdu typing.

(c) So far an expenditure of Rs. 1,39,000 has been incurred on the implementation of the various programmes recommended by the Board.

(d) The Board is an advisory body and is being serviced by the Commission for Scientific & Technical Terminology. The recommendations made by the Board in the matter of book production and other allied matters are being implemented by the Commission in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Government.

SAHITYA ACADEMY AWARD

704. SHRI MOHAMOD USMAN:
Will the Minister of EDUCATION
AND SOCIAL WELFARE/

शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the basic object of the Sahitya Academy Award is to encourage creative writings in Indian languages;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the basic object of the said award is being defeated by enlarging the scope of the Award to Editors of certain books, journalists, editors of periodi-

cals and publishers of rare manuscripts; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
AND SOCIAL WELFARE/

शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY): (a) No, Sir. The basic object of the Sahitya Akademi Award is to give recognition to individual writers for outstanding work and honour men of outstanding achievement in the field of literature.

(b) No, Sir. The Award is not restricted to any special category or class of literature. It is given to a book of high literary quality, considered as an outstanding contribution to the language and literature to which it belongs.

(c) The question does not arise.

LEVIES ON TRACTORS

254. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE/

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agricultural Sector in Punjab including the State Government are agitated over the proposed new levies on tractors, both imported and Indian made;

(b) whether the Governor of Punjab has also urged the Centre to withdraw the levies; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE/

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) Representations against the levy of customs and excise duties have been received from various interests concerned.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As tractors are purchased by cultivators who can contribute towards resource mobilization effort, the Gov-

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