

†[STEPS TO DEAL WITH ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS]

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme is under Government's consideration to deal effectively with anti-social elements engaged in looting, dacoity and murder in the name of political extremists; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?]

गृह-कार्य मन्त्री (श्री वाई० बी० चव्हाण) :
(क) और (ख) कानून के वर्तमान उपबन्धों के अनुसार ऐसे किसी व्यक्ति के बारे में पर्याप्त कार्यवाही करना संभव है, जिस पर ऐसे अपराधों का सन्देह हो ।

†[THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Adequate action in respect of any person suspected of such offences is possible under the existing provisions of law.]

COMMISSION ON TEXT-BOOKS

*365. SHRI ABID ALI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are being taken with regard to the suggestion that a high power commission on text-books may be appointed both for schools and colleges and what results have so far been achieved as a result thereof ; and

(b) what further progress has been made with regard to his proposals in respect of compulsory attendance and examination reforms?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) There is no proposal to appoint a high-powered commission on text-books for schools and colleges.

On the recommendation of the National integration Council, a National Board of School Textbooks has been established. It held its first meeting on 5/6 April, 1969. Its recommendations are being implemented. The following is the principal action taken so far :—

(1) A Department of Textbooks has been established in the National Council of Educational Research and Training.

(2) A national centre for Textual materials has been set up and more than 3000 titles of school textbooks in use in different States have been collected.

(3) A programme of training persons textbooks has been initiated. 50 persons were trained in Gujarat and the programme is being extended to other States.

(4) For evaluation of textbooks, criteria have been formulated in 8 subjects and the work of evaluating some selected textbooks has been taken in hand.

(5) A study of State production of textbooks, pricing, distribution etc. has been undertaken and is nearing completion.

(b) It is presumed that the reference here is to the suggestions made in the seminar organised by the Delhi University Students' Union. These were examined by the appropriate authorities of the Delhi University who have suggested the different Departments to take action thereon.

Compulsory attendance at lectures has been done away with at the postgraduate stage in the Departments of Economics and Sociology, but attendance at seminars and tutorials continues to be compulsory. The other Departments are examining the matter.

The semester system has been adopted, at the post-graduate stage, by the Department of Mathematics, all Departments in the Science Faculty, and the Departments of English and Library Science in the Arts Faculty in 1969. The matter is under the consideration of other Departments.

An extension of the semester system at the under-graduate stage with effect from 1970 is under active consideration of the University authorities.