

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (DR SHRI-MATI T. S. SOUNDARAM RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) The scheme is implemented by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations who have to announce the scheme.

(b) The scholarships will be awarded on the same basis as in the past years. All eligible Scheduled Tribes candidates will get the scholarships without any means test. All eligible Scheduled Caste candidates will get scholarships subject to a means test. The Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic candidates will be given the scholarships subject to a means test from the available funds on poverty basis. The Lower Income Group students will be given scholarships from the available funds on poverty basis.

†CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION  
BETWEEN INDIA AND FRANCE

239. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Prime Minister and the French President have agreed that the pact for cultural and scientific collaboration between the two countries should be signed without any further delay ;

(b) if so, whether any draft agreement was discussed in this connection ; and

(c) whether there are any disputed clauses therein ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA) : (a) An agreement has been arrived at to sign a Cultural Agreement between the Government of France and the Government of India.

(b) This did not come up for discussion during the Prime Minister of India's talk with President De Gaulle.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT RR STARRED QUESTION  
NO. 867 ANSWERED ON THE 1ST  
APRIL, 1966.

MODEL TEXT BOOKS

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA) : Sir, in connection with my reply to Starred Question

†Transferred from the 17th May, 1966.

No. 867 on 1st April, 1966, Shri M. C. Shah has asked a supplementary question about the form of financial or other assistance given to the State Governments for translating the model textbooks of the National Council of Educational Research and Training into regional languages. I had stated that no State had asked for the financial assistance and no thought had been given to this question by us.

The correct position, however, is that only one State Government, namely, the Government of Gujarat had asked for 50 per cent. financial assistance for translating and printing the textbooks in Gujarati. The matter has since been considered by the National Council of Educational Research and Training. The Council has decided that while no grants can be given for this purpose, other forms of assistance like technical guidance in translating the books, free paper, free use of blocks and other materials may be extended to the State Government.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER  
OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS AND  
MILITARY PREPARATIONS BY PAKISTAN AND  
CHINA ON THE NORTHERN BORDERS OF INDIA

SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS (Orissa) : Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Defence to the reported concentration of troops and military preparations by Pakistan and China on the northern borders of India.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : Mr. Chairman, Government are aware of the military preparations by Pakistan and China across our borders and we are keeping a close watch on all such developments. The House may rest assured that appropriate defence measures are being taken to meet the threat posed by Pakistan and China separately and jointly.

SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS : Sir, for some time past troops movement in Pakistan occupied Kashmir and construction of canals in the Sialkot sector for military purposes are being reported. China is also constructing roads and other defence establishments. China is also regularly sending its armed personnel into Longju, Chedong and other areas of India to which