

wooden structure of the Panchayat-ghar was damaged and its roof was also blown off.

(b) The State Government are taking adequate precautions to stop the recurrence of such incidents.]

MAHARASHTRA AND MYSORE BORDER DISPUTE

269. { SHRI M. M. DHARIA:
 { SHRI D. B. DESAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had been entrusted with the task of mediation in the border dispute between Maharashtra and Mysore State and of submitting a report by the 15th August, 1964 in the matter; and

(b) if so, what is the progress so far made in that direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) and (b) As the House is aware the question of re-adjustment of borders between Maharashtra and Mysore States has been before the Government of India for some time. A deputation of the Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti met the Home Minister in May, 1964, and he told the deputationists that he would do his best to help the parties to come to an agreement and, in any case, he would finalise his report by 15th August, 1964. In the first week of August the Home Minister visited Bombay and Bangalore and had discussions with the representatives of various organisations. He also had talks with the Chief Ministers of the two States. On the 15th August, 1964, he submitted his report to the Prime Minister.

GIRLS' EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS

270. SHRI SANKAR PRATAP SINGH DEV: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed by the National Council for

Women's Education last year for investigating the causes of lack of public support for girls' education in rural areas has since submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government on the recommendations of the above Committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations have been forwarded for necessary action to State Governments, State Councils for Women's Education and voluntary educational organisations.

BOOKS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

271. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of books published in the country during the years 1961, 1962 and 1963; and

(b) how many of them were on Science, Technology, Engineering, Industry, Transport and Agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI R. M. HAJAPNAVIS): (a) and (b) The position regarding the number of books received in the National Library, Calcutta relating to the years 1961 to 1963 under the provisions of the Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act, 1954 is indicated in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

Year	Total No. of publications received
1961	8,967
1962	11,086
1963	18,217