

cording to a recent Ceylon Government order, to be taught in schools maintained by that Government; and

(b) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) We are not aware of any such order by the Government of Ceylon.

(b) Does not arise.

PRESS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

*383. { SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS:
SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Press Consultative Committee has been or is going to be set up;

(b) if so, how many members there would be on that Committee; and

(c) whether the Parliament and the Press would be represented on that Committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) It is proposed to set up a Press Consultative Committee.

(b) and (c) The composition of this Committee is still under consideration. The Press would be represented on it, but at present it is not intended that Parliament should be represented on it as such. Some individual members may be appointed to it.

EXPORT PROMOTION

*384. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what concrete steps are being taken to give full incentive to export promotion; and

(b) whether any programme has been finalized to give actual shape to such promotions?

THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) An export plan has been drawn up. Necessary steps to achieve the estimated exports have also been listed out. These steps include grant of import licences, supply of indigenous raw materials, drawback of duties and grant of other assistance necessary to make the goods competitive. Some of the aforesaid steps have already been taken while others are in the process of implementation.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRY

*385. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Nityanand Kanungo, Union Minister of Industry, mentioned in his inaugural speech in the Small Industries Conference of Western Region held at Bombay on the 9th June, 1962 that an Advisory Committee would be constituted in each State to coordinate the activities of various organisations engaged in the development of small scale industries; and

(b) if so, what would be the nature of this advisory committee and how it would function?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI N. KANUNGO):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee is advisory in character. It will consist of the State Directors of Industries as Chairman and the Director of the S.I.S.I. Regional Manager of the N.S.I.C. and two non-official representatives as Members. This Committee is to meet frequently and ensure co-ordination between different agencies and advise the S.I.S.I. and N.S.I.C. on all their programmes in the State.