

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: In view of the low salary of the constables, is the Government going to revise their decision?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: We are giving them a fairly good scale and they also get dearness allowance.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: What are the pay scales that they get?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: Assistant Sub-Inspectors Rs. 80—100; Head Constables Rs. 55—85; constables Rs. 35—50; constables in selection grade Rs. 40—60.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Apart from the salary, what is the dearness allowance that these constables get?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: It differs from place to place. So far as the various constables are concerned, I believe in all a Head Constable gets Rs. 84-8-0; a constable gets Rs. 58-6-0; a constable in the selection grade also gets Rs. 58-6-0.

REPORTS EXAMINED BY PLANNING DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

*182. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of reports examined by the Planning Division of the Finance Ministry in 1955-56; and

(b) which are they?

THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND CIVIL EXPENDITURE (SHRI M. C. SHAH): (a) and (b). A list giving the names of important reports examined is attached.

List of reports examined by the Planning Division of the Ministry of Finance

1. Report of the Taxation Enquiry Commission.

2. Report of Prohibition Enquiry Committee.

3. Report of the Village and Small Scale Industries (Second Five Year Plan) Committee.

4. The 16th Report of the Estimates Committee.

5. The Report of the Expert Committee on the prevention of slaughter of cattle in India.

6. Outline Report of the Study Group on Educated Unemployed.

7. Report of the Rice Milling Committee set up by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know the time generally taken to examine these reports by the Planning Division of the Finance Ministry?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: It depends upon the volume of the report, the materials that the report contains, etc. They have to see it also from the general economic angle and find out its financial implications. So, there is no fixed time, but they are being examined as expeditiously as possible.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know how many reports are under examination now?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: I have not got that information. I require notice.

SOUTH INDIA BOOK-TRUST IN TRAVANCORE-COCHIN

*183. { **SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR:**
SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO:

Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a South India Book-Trust is functioning in Travancore-Cochin with the help of the Ford Foundation; and

(b) if so, what are the activities of this Trust?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) The Government are not aware of any "South India Book-Trust", but a "Southern Languages Book-Trust" has been functioning with headquarters at Madras.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Activities of the Southern Languages Book-Trust

The activities of the Trust will be as follows:—

1. The Trust will issue 80 titles a year—20 in each of the four languages

(Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam) so that 240 books may be brought out in the next three years. So far no books have been published under the sponsorship of the Trust.

2. The Trust will provide recoverable loan to publishers who will contract to publish the books in large numbers for sale at low prices.

3. The Trust will set up with grants and/or loans, and with active participation of the publishers, an independent widespread distribution mechanism to sell the books in large numbers.

4. The Trust will provide technical assistance in Distribution, Modern Printing, Cost Accountancy and Promotion Methods.

SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR: May I know whether this Trust has anything to do with the Sahitya Akademi sponsored by the Government of India?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: No.

SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR: May I know whether an American expert has been brought down to guide the functioning of this Trust?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes.

SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR: May I know whether it is this American expert who decides as to what books should be published by this Trust?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: No.

SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR: May I know who selects the books for publication by this Trust and whether any Committee or Board has been set up for the purpose?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The Trust functions through various Committees. With regard to foreign books also, they have set up a Foreign Advisory Committee.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Who are the members of this Committee?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The members are ten. Would the hon. Member like me to read them?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Read the first two names and she will be satisfied.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Sri S. Govindarajulu Naidu, Vice-Chancellor, Sri Venkateswara University, Thirupathi and Dr. A. L. Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, Madras University and others. I will place the list on the Table.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Are any writers included in that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are these not writers?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I am quite sure that these people have written something.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Educationists are not necessarily writers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please don't indulge in *obiter dicta* now.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: May I know if the Government are aware that this Trust's activities are unduly influencing our writers in favour of the foreign policy of a particular State?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I would like to say that the Government of India has so far no responsibility for this Trust. This is an autonomous Trust and we were not consulted when the Trust was being set up.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Is it not a fact that with their vast material resources and their capacity to pay better royalties to the writers, they are entering into an unhealthy competition with our Indian publishing concerns?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I am afraid I cannot give that information. I will need notice for that.

DR. R. P. DUBE: May I know why an American expert has been brought here for a Trust that has been formed for books in Indian languages?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question asks something about the help of the Ford Foundation. The question asks: "Whether Government are aware that a South India Book-Trust is functioning in Travancore-Cochin with the help of the Ford Foundation". The answer is: "It is not South India Book-Trust but it is Southern Languages Book-Trust and the Ford Foundation is supplying an Adviser."

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: They have given them grants and they have also engaged an American as a Technical Consultant and two other Americans are asked to advise the Trust on special matters and they have submitted their report.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know the amount of grant given by the Ford Foundation?

(Interruptions.)

DR. R. P. DUBE: What advice do they give on books in Southern languages?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: One question was from the hon. Member behind, with regard to the amount of grant given by the Ford Foundation. It is 150,000 dollars. With regard to the advice given to the Trust by these foreign experts, now this was mostly advice on technical matters like accounting methods and marketing.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: May I know the names of the Southern language writers on this Committee?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I will read the whole list since the Members are pressing and they can decide for themselves who the writers are.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Who the writers are and who the creative writers are.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Shri S. Govindarajulu Naidu, Vice-Chancellor, Sri Venkateswara University, Thirupathi; Dr. A. L. Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, Madras University; Shri V. L. D'Souza, Vice-Chancellor, Mysore University; Dr. V. S. Krishna, Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University; Shri T. M. Pillai, Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University; Dr. S. Bhagavantam, Vice-Chancellor, Osmania University; Dr. A. R. Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, Travancore University; the hon. Mr. Justice P. V. Rajamannar, Chief Justice, Madras High Court; Shri D. C. Pavate, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka University and Shri T. C. Sankara Menon, retired Principal, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.

SHRI R. U. AGNIBHOJ: What are the books published so far by this Trust?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: No books have been published so far.

SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: What is the number of books in the Southern languages?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No books have been published till now.

TRAVANCORE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION

*184. { SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR:
SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO:

Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Students' Union is at present functioning in the Travancore University;

(b) if so, whether the office building and property intended for the Union are in the possession of that organisation; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) According to the University rules the Union is not entitled to the possession of the building and property but only to their use when it is functioning.

SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR: I am sorry that I put the question wrongly. When it is written 'possession' it does not mean that they should be in the possession of the building. What I wanted to know exactly was, whether this building is left for the use of the students for their activities or whether this building is now rented to somebody else.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The answer is that since no Union is functioning and the building is meant for Union purposes, therefore, it is not being used by the Union.

SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR: May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to encourage Students' Unions in colleges?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes. It is the policy of the Government to encourage Students' Unions and I think it is very unfortunate that the Students' Union has not been functioning in this University and we are going to write to the