

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, 24th November 1955

The House met at eleven of the clock. MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TRANSLATION OF GANDHIJI'S WORKS INTO INDIAN LANGUAGES

*58. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to translate the complete works of Gandhiji into all the languages of India;

(b) if so, in how many languages the works have been translated so far, or are being translated; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter by the Government of India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) The Union Government at present has no scheme for translating Gandhiji's works into different languages of the country.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is the Government aware that the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi is doing some Work in this connection?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: May be, I have no information.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is the Government aware that the complete works of Gandhiji are not at all translated into any language, including Hindi and English?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: As far as my knowledge goes, most of Gandhiji's works have been translated into

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many Indian languages. I do not know whether complete works are available or not; but that is a matter which is being examined by a committee which has been appointed by the Government.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Appointed by whom?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: By the Government.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: On what?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: It is a committee on Gandhian philosophy.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, if there is any correspondence or discussion going on between the Government and the Navjivan Prakashan Mandir on this?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I shall need notice to answer that question.

NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA

*59. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any committee has been set up by Government to prepare a detailed scheme for a National School of Drama;

(b) if so, who are the members of the committee; and

(c) when the committee is expected to submit its report?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Does the National Academy for Dance, San-geet and Natak propose to take it up?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, the Satageet Natak Akadami has a proposal to start a school of drama.