

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) and (b). The required information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

PURCHASE OF HINDI BOOKS

हिन्दी पुस्तकों का क्रय

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दिनकर : क्या शिक्षा मंत्रः यह बताने
की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वह योजना क्या है जिसके
अधीन सरकार हिन्दी की पुस्तकें खरीदने
वाला है ;

(ख) सरकार यह पुस्तकें किन
एजेंसियों द्वारा खरीदेगी ; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में सस्ता साहित्य
मण्डल को सहायता दिए जाने के क्या
कारण हैं ?

*552. PROF. R. D. SINHA DINKAR: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the scheme which Government propose to follow in purchasing Hindi books;

(b) the names of the agencies through which Government will purchase these books; and

(c) the reasons why it is proposed to help Sasta Sahitya Mandal in this connection?]

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a), (b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The Government of India have no scheme for the purchase of Hindi

tEnglish translation

books as such, A scheme has, however, been drawn up for the encouragement of popular literature in collaboration with the C.P.A., which aims at the encouragement of the publication of books in various Indian languages intended for neo-literate adults. These will, naturally, include books in Hindi. Further, 1000 copies of each approved book will be purchased for distribution in the community project areas.

A copy of the pamphlet "Programme for the Development and Propagation of Hindi" (1954) has been circulated to Members of the House. It will be seen therefrom that, through this scheme, authors as well as various good publishing organisations will receive help and encouragement.

INVESTMENT OF CAPITAL IN AFGHANISTAN

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the Prime Minister of Aigntmis-tan has stated that his Government would encourage investment of foreign capital in that country to promote production;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to invest any capital in that country; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, the amount proposed to be invested?

THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI C. D. DESHMUKH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government have no intention of investing any capital in Afghanistan.

REQUESTS FOR BOOKS FROM FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS

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

(a) whether any foreign institutions have requested Government for books from India;