

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I will advise the hon. Member to go and see some of these.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR POPULAR LITERATURE

*113. SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited authors and publishers to submit books and manuscripts for encouragement of popular literature;

(b) whether Government have set up a Committee for this purpose; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, the names and qualifications of the members of this Committee?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

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

STATEMENT

Committee for encouragement of popular Literature

1. Shri Humayun Kabir, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India (*Chairman*).

2. Shri S. K. Dey, Administrator, Community Projects Administration.

3. Shri Hamid Ali Khan, Director, Maktaba Jamia Millia Islamia.

4. Shri Hari Sarvottam Rao, Chairman, Executive Committee, South Indian Adult Education Association.

5. Shri Sudhir Sarcar, Editor, "Mauchak" and Publisher.

6 and 7. Representatives of the Central Ministries of Finance and Information and Broadcasting.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know when this scheme was launched? When was this invitation issued and in what manner was it made known to the public and authors in the country?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Wide publicity has been given in several papers. I have not got the exact date on which the notices were issued.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: What are the dates within which they must submit their manuscripts?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: All books which are to be submitted for consideration have to reach before the 30th April 1954.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: What do Government propose to do with language manuscripts, and if there are any copies to be submitted along with the manuscripts, how many copies of manuscripts are to be sent?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The book should ordinarily be of 32 pages, but in no case exceed 48 pages of octavo size, printed in not less than 16 points type, and they have to submit three copies of each book together with a treasury receipt of Rs. 3 in the case of authors or Rs. 5 in the case of publishers.

SHRIMATI SHARDA BHARGAVA: Could the Government not find any woman for the Committee?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The main purpose of this Committee is to encourage popular literature and to engender scientific outlook on life while preserving the values of our civilization. Competent people have been selected to serve on the Committee.

SHRIMATI SHARDA BHARGAVA: Do Government mean to say that there are no competent women?

PROF. G. RANGA: Shrimati Kamla-devi Chattopadhyaya is there.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Best people have been selected for this Committee without any discrimination of sex.

SHRIMATI SHARDA BHARGAVA: Could Government not find any competent woman for this?

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: May I know the name of the languages in which such popular literature is to be encouraged and whether some authors or publishers of Nepali language have also been invited?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The authors are invited to submit books in all major languages as are prescribed in the Constitution.

MR. CHAIRMAN: She asks whether Nepalese is included among those languages.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I do not think Nepalese language is included in the Constitution.

SHRIMATI SHARDA BHARGAVA: My question has not been answered.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your question?

SHRIMATI SHARDA BHARGAVA: I wanted to know why competent women were not included. It was not answered.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your suggestion will be taken into account.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: This is work of a very technical nature and as far as possible, best persons are selected for this. No discrimination has been made.

PROF. G. RANGA: Only they were not thought of.

SHRIMATI SHARDA BHARGAVA: Because they did not care to take.

श्रीमती चन्द्रवती लखनपाल : मैं यह कहना चाहती थी कि पापुलर लिटरेचर के सम्बन्ध में जो घोषणा समाचारपत्रों में छपी है उसमें सब कुछ लिखा गया है लेकिन वह पता नहीं बताया गया है जिस पते पर कि लेखकों को अपनी पुस्तकें भेजनी चाहियें । इसके कारण लेखकों को काफी असुविधा हो रही है । मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से पूछना चाहती थी कि क्या यह बात उनको ज्ञात है ?

†[SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI LAKHANPAL: I wish to say that the announcement made regarding popular literature contains everything but the address to which authors are to send their books. This is resulting in considerable difficulty to the writers. I wanted to ask the hon. Minister if he was aware of it.]

डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली : मैंने अखबारों को देखा नहीं, मैं देखूंगा । मुझे ऐसा तो मालूम नहीं है लेकिन पता तो उसमें होना चाहिये ।

†[DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I have not seen the newspapers, but I shall look up. I do not know, but it should contain the address.]

श्रीमती चन्द्रवती लखनपाल : मैं यह भी जानना चाहती थी कि अगर उन्हें पता लग जाय तो क्या वह इस असुविधा को दूर करने का विचार रखते हैं ? मेरे विचार में वास्तव में यही चीज थी कि पता नहीं दिया गया था ।

†[SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI LAKHANPAL: I wanted to know whether, if he gets to know of it, he has a mind to remove this inconvenience. I had, in fact, only this thing in mind, that the address had not been given.]

†English translation.

डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली : हा, अगर इस तरह की असुविधा में हमारी जिम्मेदारी होगी, तो उस असुविधा को दूर किया जावेगा ।

†[DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, if we are responsible for such an inconvenience, we shall remove it.]

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know whether the Government proposes to set up committees region-wise in India to examine the different language manuscripts?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: There is a General Committee which will finally make the selection but reviewers will be appointed for all regional languages. They will submit their reports which will be examined by the Committee.

PROF. G. RANGA: May I know whether it is an annual feature or not, and whether the information in regard to details of these books, etc., would be supplied to the university authorities and college authorities so that more and more people might come to know?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: This Committee has been set up only for one year. For the future we shall have to see how far the work progresses.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: I wanted to ask what is the exact meaning of the term 'popular literature'—whether it means popularisation of the five-year plan or the activities of the Government or has any wider content.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I have already explained that the main purpose of setting up this Committee is to encourage popular literature for adults so that we may develop scientific outlook on life and at the same time preserve the basic values of our civilization.

†English translation.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: In view of the fact that manuscripts will be submitted in the various major languages of India, I wish to know how many competent men are there in the Committee to scrutinise this work which might be submitted in all these various languages.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has already answered it. It will be done by the various regional committees.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: What is the purpose, then, of not including representatives of various language groups?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: This Committee, if it had members for all regional languages, would have become very unwieldy and most of the people who have been selected are those who have experience of some kind or other in this line.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Have Government received any manuscript so far?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The last date is 30th April.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Which was the opening date?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: It was the date of the announcement.

WOMEN'S SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

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

(a) how many local or State committees are working under the Central Advisory Committee for Women's Savings Campaign; and

(b) the amount so far collected through this campaign in each State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI A. C. GUHA): (a) Fifteen.

(b) The campaign has started only recently and complete figures of collections are not yet available.