

is in appreciation of his translation of Indian epics; and

(h) whether the poet is in India already, and if not, whether Government intend to invite him to India to deliver lectures at different universities?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) No, poet Wadii Boustany did not apply for any grant from us.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Mahabharata, the Ramayana, the Bhagwad Gita, Shakuntala, Nala and Damyanti and Divine Chronicles (a summary of Indian Mythology.)

(d) An edition of Mahabharata only has already been printed and published in Beirut. No other information is available.

(e) Mahabharata, the only book published has been well received in Egypt. No information is available regarding the reactions of other Arab Countries.

(f) Government of India have decided to publish a cheap edition of Shakuntala for distribution in the Middle Eastern Countries on an experimental basis, on the success of which the question of publication of cheap edition of other manuscripts will be taken up. It is not the intention of the Government to earn profit.

(g) Presumably yes.

(h) The poet is not in India, nor is there a proposal to invite him.

#### SEMINAR IN TOKYO FOR ASIAN YOUTH LEADERS

\*347. SHRIMATI PUSHPALATA DAS: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organisation is going to organise shortly a seminar in Tokyo for Asian Youth Leaders; and

(b) if so, whether India is going to be represented in the seminar?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

#### MANUFACTURE OF SOLAR HEATERS IN INDIA

\*348. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state the number of solar heaters manufactured so far in India?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): Manufacturers inform us that owing to rainy season the demand has not been great and so far only 197 cookers have been produced.

#### अफीम का उत्पादन

\*३४९. श्री किशोरी राम : क्या माननीय वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रतिवर्ष इन्डिया में कितनी अफीम तैयार होती है और उसको तैयार करने में कितना खर्च पड़ता है ;

(ख) कच्ची अफीम से शद्ध अफीम कितने प्रकार की तैयार होती है; तथा

(ग) भारत सरकार द्वारा तैयार की हुई अफीमों की बिक्री कहाँ कहाँ और किस दर पर की जाती है ?

#### †PRODUCTION OF OPIUM

\*349. SHRI KISHORI RAM: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much opium is produced in India every year and what is the cost of its production;

†English translation.