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G.O. No. *606 Eol*

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Leg. Council Communicating to the
to p.d. a copy of — question en-
quiring whether any members of the text-
book committee are themselves
authors of text books and whether
there are any rules restraining
them from passing opinions on
their own books.

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Legislative Department



Subject.— Question No 132 for the meeting
of the Legislative Council to be held on the 25th
May 1915

Submitted that two copies of this question may be
forwarded to the Educational Department
with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the rules
regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with
questions in the Legislative Council. Orders
regarding admission will be communicated in
due course.

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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Educational Department.

The Hon'ble Mr. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri.

132 Q.—(a) Is it a fact that some members of the Text-Book Committee are themselves the authors of text-books or class-books?

(b) If so, are there rules restraining them from passing opinions on their own books or on books likely to compete with theirs?

[Meeting of 25th May 1915.]

(D) Under G.O.No.270 Educational, dated the 8th April 1908 the power of appointing^{the} members of the Text-Book Committee and ~~the~~ framing^{of} rules for the guidance of that Committee has been delegated to the Director of Public Instruction. The rules in force in 1910 are published with the report

(M) of the Committee for 1909-10 (G.O.No.369 Educational, dated the 27th June 1910). The rules now in force and the present constitution of the Committee have not been officially communicated to Government; they would probably be printed with the next quinquennial report, which is due with Government shortly. Pages 1697-98 of the ~~Lawson~~ Asylum Press Almanack, however, gives the constitution and the rules of the Committee.

2. The last list of text-books approved by the Text-Book Committee is published on pages 358 ~~to~~ 366 of the Fort St. George Gazette, Part I-B, dated the 26th May 1914. From an examination of this list it would appear that some of the books published by Messrs. P.T. Srinivasa Ayyangar, T.S. Subrahmanya Ayyar and S. Bavananda Pillai, who are members of the Text-Book Committee have been approved as text books ~~for schools~~ ^{for schools}. Thus the answer to Clause (a) of the question seems to be in the affirmative.

3. As regards Clause (b) there does not seem to be any

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rule prohibiting members from passing opinions on their own books or on books likely to compete with theirs. The good sense of the members is apparently being relied upon. There are, however, enough of facilities and safeguards in the rules to avoid the ^{situation} ~~circumstances~~ referred to in the question. Under rule 5 every book is to be referred to the appropriate sub-committee for examination and report; under rule 15 each book so referred should in turn be referred to not less than two of its members for expression of opinion; under rule 17 brief indication of the grounds for rejecting a book as unsuitable should be recorded and under rule 18 the lists of books passed by various sub-committees should be printed and circulated among the members of the Committee at least a fortnight before the date of the meeting at which they are to be approved. But so far, however, ^(as) the question is concerned, it may be stated that the Government have no information on the point, as the power to frame rules for the guidance of the Committee has been delegated to the D.P.I. and ^(as) the set of rules actually in force at present is not before Government.

4. The draft answer below is for approval:---

Draft answer.

(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have no information on the point. The power to frame rules for the guidance of the Committee

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The power to frame rules for the guidance of the
Committee has been delegated to the D.P.I. : and
the present rules seem to be satisfactory. But
any suggestions which the honble. member may
submit will be considered.

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The final form of the question and answer stood as follows:—

126 Q—(a) Is it a fact that some members of the Text-Book Committee are themselves the authors of text-books or class-books?

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Their position
as members of
the Text-Book
Committee.

(b) If so, are there rules restraining them from passing opinions on their own books or on books likely to compete with theirs?

126 A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have no information on the point. The power to frame rules for the guidance of the Committee has been delegated to the Director of Public Instruction.

2. ^{A copy of} the question and answer may be communicated to the D.P.I. for information.
3. A draft order is submitted for approval

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A Copy of question No ¹²⁶132 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 25th May 1915, and the answer given thereto, will be communicated to the D.P.D for information

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