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Legislative Council Question

Approval of books by the
Text Book Committee

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Starred Question.

Mr. K. Sarverayudu :

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

1010. Will the hon. the Minister
for Education be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director
of Public Instruction refuses to place cer-
tain books before the Text Book Committee on
the ground that they are written by people -
holding certain political views though other-
wise the books satisfy all the required con-
ditions including loyalty to His Majesty the
King Emperor; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be
pleased to place on the table a list of books
that were not placed before the Text Book Com-
mittee simply because they happen to be written
by people of a certain political school?

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for Education be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction issued certain instructions ~~to the~~ ^{which} books;

(i) ~~that~~ ^{which} happen to be written by people - holding certain political views; and

(ii) ~~that~~ ^{which} happen to be printed in certain presses though otherwise the books satisfy all required conditions including loyalty - ^{the} Department to His Majesty King Emperor;

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place those instructions on the table of the House; and

(c) how many books were disapproved by the Text Book Committee in accordance with those instructions and on what ground in each case, viz., whether on the ground that its author is a non-co-operator or whether because the book was printed in a non-co-operator's press, together with the names of the authors and the presses that printed them?

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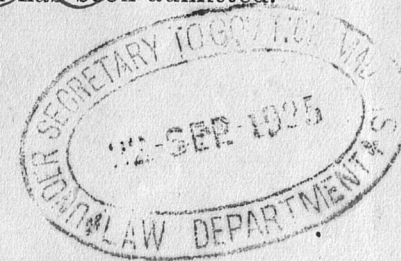
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The Question has been admitted.



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Question No. 1010.

Clause (a) it is not a fact that books written by people holding certain political views are not placed before the Text-Book Committee for its consideration. Books printed or published at any of the N.C.O. presses are not placed on the published approved list. The Public Department issues the list of such presses. For the reason given above, the question of placing a list on the table does not arise. The answer to clause (a) may therefore be 'No' and to (b) 'the question does not arise'.

Attention in this connection is invited to G.O.No.1121 L.E., dated 9-8-1928 laying down that books printed in presses on the proscribed list should not be retained in the approved list.

Question No. 1011.

Clauses (a) and (b) no instructions have been issued by the D.P.I. either to members of the Text-Book Committee or to inspecting officers regarding the disapproval of books. The removal of books printed in N.C.O. presses from the approved list is ordered by the D.P.I. Books received in this office are referred to the Text-Book Committee and they are finally considered at the meetings of the Committee in March and October. From the list of books approved at these meetings those printed or published at N.C.O. presses are removed. The number of books not retained in the list of approved books for these reasons is 104 for the last 5 years. Attention in this connection is invited to my remarks on the question No. 1010. As to answers to the question, it is suggested that the answer to clauses (a) and (b) may be 'no', to clause (c) 104 books have been

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The D.P.I. may be requested to forward the information regarding the removal of books from the approved list to the members of the Committee.

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removed from the list. It is for Government to decide whether they are prepared to say that this was because the book was printed or published in a N.C.O. press. It may be added that Government ^{are} unable to give the names of the authors and of the presses that printed the books in question.

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With reference to clause (c) of question No. 1011 it is submitted that if information as to the number of books removed from the list of approved books should be given the reason for such removal should also be furnished. If it is stated that the removal was for the reason that the books were printed in N.C.O. Presses it may be difficult to withhold the names of such Presses. The names are kept confidential. In the circumstances the answer to clause (c) may be that the Government are unable to furnish the information. Draft answers to questions Nos. 1010 and 1011 are placed below.

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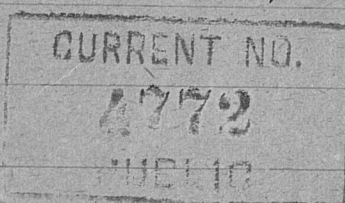
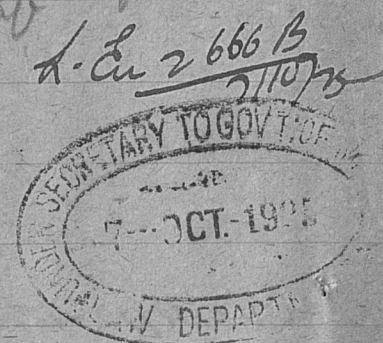
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Draft answer to Q. 1010



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But to Q. 1011 a draft is sent for consideration. The question seems to be for disposal in Law (Edn)

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Question No.1010.

Answer.

- (a) No.
(b) The question does not arise.

Question No.1011.

Answer.

- (a) and (b) No.
(c) The Government are unable to furnish the information.

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Question no. 1011

a) no.

(b) The question does not arise

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* 910 Q.—Mr. K. SARVARAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction refuses to place certain books before the Text Book Committee on the ground that they are written by people holding certain political views, though otherwise the books satisfy all the required conditions including loyalty to His Majesty the King-Emperor; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table a list of books that were not placed before the Text-Book Committee simply because they happen to be written by people of a certain political school?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“Mr. President, may I know whether the Director of Public Instruction refuses to place certain books before the Text Book Committee?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“I think the answer says that he does not.”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“Does he pass every book sent to him to the Committee?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“Only such of them as he thinks necessary to be sent to the Committee.”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“May I then take it that he does not withhold books on any of the grounds stated in the question?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“He does not refuse to place books as the answer shows except on the grounds stated in the question.”

The hon. the RAJA OF RAMNAD:—“Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to tell us by what way the Director of Public Instruction discovers objectionable features in books written in languages with which he is not familiar?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“He has got various committees, as I submitted to the House yesterday, and they advise him.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“Arising from the answers of my hon. Friend the Education Minister to the two supplementary questions just now put, may I ask the hon. Minister to elucidate the matter further as to what are the considerations that weigh with the Director, in withholding certain books from the Text Book Committee which is the expert committee charged with this matter?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“The question that was asked is whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction refuses to place certain books before the Committee on the ground that they are written by people holding certain political views and the answer to that is ‘no.’”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“That is not my question, Sir. I can read the question and the answer, Sir. The hon. Minister was good enough to answer my hon. Friend the Deputy Leader and say that the Director does not send all the books but only such of them as he considers ought to be placed before the Committee. I am asking what are the main considerations on which the Director withholds certain books from the Committee?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“Books which he is advised by the committees to be objectionable.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“I am surprised at the answer, Sir. I am asking whether before the Committee makes up its mind as to whether a book is fit to be prescribed or not, the Director exercises any judgment in sending books to the Committee. My hon. Friend the Minister says that he has the advice of the Committees. He does not answer my question, nor I his answer. I want to know what are the considerations by which he sends the books or does not send them or whether the Director acts as a mere post office?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“The answer presumes that the Director refuses himself. He takes the advice of the Committee before refusing.”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“Does the Director send every book to the Committee so that he may have their view?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“Unless it be that the book is disloyal or otherwise likely to provoke any ill-feeling between one community and another and so on.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“Therefore, may I take it that the hon. Minister now says that the Director withholds books, if he is advised that they are likely to promote disloyalty or disaffection among the various communities of His Majesty's subjects?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“Yes. I think it is within the jurisdiction of the head of the department.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“May I then ask by whom is the Director advised, as to whether a particular book comes within the category of an offensive nature?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“He has got sub-committees to advise him.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“Sub-committees of what?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“Of the Text-Book Committee.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“May I ask the hon. Minister to reconcile his present answer with the printed answer?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“He does not himself refuse. That is the answer.”

* 911 Q.—Mr. K. SARVARAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction issued certain instructions regarding the disapproval of books:

(i) which happen to be written by people holding certain political views, and

(ii) which happen to be printed in certain presses though otherwise the books satisfy all the required conditions including loyalty to His Majesty the King-Emperor;

(b) if so whether the Government will be pleased to place those instructions on the table of the House; and

(c) how many books were disapproved by the Text-Book Committee in accordance with those instructions and on what ground in each case, viz., whether on the ground that its author is a non-co-operator or whether because the book was printed in a non-co-operator's press, together with the names of the authors and the presses that printed them?

A.—(a) No.

(b) & (c) The questions do not arise.

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“May I know if the Director of Public Instruction has issued any instructions at all to the Text Book Committee or the sub-committees so as to guide them in their duty of approving or disapproving books?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“I do not think he has issued any instructions. I suppose they are guided by general rules after studying the book, of finding out whether it is objectionable or not.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“With reference to the answer to clause (c) of the question, how many books were disapproved by the Committee, etc., the answer given is that the question does not arise. May I ask in view of the hon. Minister's statement to this House this morning that certain books are disapproved on the grounds stated by him after advice is taken that they offend the canons laid down by him, may I ask for information as to how many books were so disapproved and what the grounds were on which they were disapproved?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“I want notice.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—“May I include the question whether any books were refused on the ground that they were written by a person under the displeasure of the Government?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“That was dealt with yesterday.”

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