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Mr.J.A.Saldanha

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1744. To reduce the allotment of Rs.1,500
for Text Books Committee by Rs.1,000

(To discuss whether text books otherwise
approved are disqualified because printed
in Nationalist presses)

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In 1923 the Director removed a book entitled
"Potana" ~~was removed~~ from the list of approved text
books on the ground that the publisher of the
book ~~was~~ was a non-cooperator. Subsequently
the Manager of another Publishing Bureau got
possession of the copyright of the book and
applied to Govt. for the restoration of the book
to the list of approved text books. The Govt.
issued orders stating that an unobjectionable
book need not be removed from the list of approved
text books merely because a non-cooperator had
the copyright. The Director was also informed
that, if the press at which any books were
printed was on the proscribed list, the book should
not be retained in the list of approved text
books. This order continues to be in force.

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Mr. C. V. Venkatasana Ayyangar :-

P. 225. 702 226. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1500 for Text -
Books Committee--

(To raise the question of their work).

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Mr. Muhammad Ghouse Mian Sahib:--

P. 225. 703 1594. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1500 for Text Book Com-
mittee by Re.1.

(To elicit from the Government the policy as to
the existence of this committee, and to suggest
a reorganisation in the same.)

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Mr. M. C. Raja.

P. 225 700 1621. To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,500 for
the text book committee.

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The Text Book Committee was originally formed in accordance with the orders of the Govt. of India. In 1881, the Govt. of India laid down the following principles:-

(1) that provincial series of English and Vernacular Text books should be maintained in preference to a single Imperial series;

(2) that the preparation and maintenance of the series of Text books for each province should be left to the Local Govts., assisted by standing committees of which it was contemplated that the Directors of Public Instruction should be ex-officio Presidents;

(3) that these committees should contain a fair intermixture of independent members whose choice of books could not be set down to professional or departmental bias;

(4) that the committees of the several provinces should communicate with one another in order that each might profit by the experience of the others;

(5) that aided schools need not be restricted to the use of text books authorised for Govt. institutions.

In the year 1900 the Govt. of India reviewed the work of the Text book committees of the various provinces and laid down certain instructions for ~~their~~ guidance. These were:-

(i) that text book committees should not themselves prescribe the text books to be adopted in schools but that their functions should be strictly limited to advising the Local Govts. and administrations;

(ii) that the committee in each province should consist of 20 members in addition to the

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(iii) that the committee should be so constituted as firstly to secure that the proportion of non-official members to the representatives of Govt. should not be unduly large, and secondly, that different interests should be properly represented.

3. In accordance with the above instructions of the Govt. of India, rules were drawn up for the constitution and working of the Text book committee in this presidency. The number of members of the committee continued to be 20 till 1909, when the number was raised to 24. ^(It was further raised to 30 in 1912.) In 1916 the Director recommended the increase of the number of members to 40 on the ground that the work of the committee had increased considerably owing to the increased production of school books and that the sub-committees in certain subjects required to be enlarged. The Govt. sanctioned this proposal. The strength of the committee is the same at present. ~~XXXXXX~~

In 1923, certain changes were introduced in the constitution of the committee. Of the total number of members it was provided that 18 should be persons elected by Dt. Secy. Edn. Boards and that the remaining 22 should be filled by nomination by the Director subject to the approval of Govt. In other respects there has not been any marked change in the method of working of the committee. The rules of the committee are printed as annexure to G.O.No.1484, dated the 11th December 1920. From these rules it will be seen that the committee meets ordinarily twice a year, that it has power to appoint sub-committees for the purpose of dealing with different subjects and languages and to consult specialists who are not members of the committee, that each book forwarded to a sub-committee is -

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referred to not less than two of its members for expression of opinion, and that, in the case of books rejected as unsuitable by the committee, some brief indication of the grounds on which the judgment has been formed should be given. It is not clear on what lines the M.L.Cs desire that the committee should be re-organised. If ~~any~~ ^(are made) suggestions they might be considered.

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