

Education Ministry itself take up the responsibility of publishing science text-books into all the regional languages, besides English and Hindi ?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA : As I said, Sir, the books on biology have already been published. They have been sent to the States. We are expediting the publication of other science books and we will persuade the States to get them translated as soon as possible.

SHRI M. C. SHAH : As these text-books are prepared with so much of care, will the Government see that they are continued as text-books for a good number of years and are not changed within a couple of years. Secondly, may I know whether the cost of these books will be such as the students from the lower income groups can afford it ?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA : The answer to both the questions is 'yes'. I have already given the prices of Hindi and Biology books and the intention is that they should not be changed unless the knowledge of science has increased to such an extent that a new text-book is required.

ARCHITECTS AND TOWN PLANNERS

*868. **SHRI I. K. GUJRAL :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state,

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Bill in Parliament to regulate the profession, education and training of architects and town-planners in India; and

(b) if so, whether any representation has been received by Government for such an enactment ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA) : (a) The question of introducing a Bill to regulate the profession of Architects is under consideration of Government

(b) Yes, Sir.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : This consideration has been there for a very long time. May I ask the hon. Minister if the Bill has already been drafted and if it is likely to be introduced in the next Session ?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA : No, Sir. I agree that there has been considerable delay. But we are faced with considerable difficulties also and there are many difficulties in setting up a Council for Architects. One of the main difficulties is that we do not have a sufficient number of architects in our country and the civil engineers say that the Bill should embrace both the civil engineers and the architects. And the architects say that they should be treated as a class apart. That is one of the main difficulties.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : It is somewhat surprising that in these days of enlightenment the Education Ministry should be under the pressure of the civil engineers. May I ask the hon. Minister what makes him feel that there are no sufficient number of architects in the country, and is he not convinced that in the fast urbanisation of the society that is going on in this country the architects have a vital and pivotal role to play, and unless their profession is regulated, there is danger to the entire urban growth of the country ?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA : Sir, I entirely agree with my hon. friend that architecture is a very important profession. It should have a Council to regulate its ethics, its examinations and so on. But I assure my hon. friend that we are fully conscious of the necessity for this. But we have been faced with certain difficulties and certain problems. The matter even went up to the Cabinet. But there are difficulties. And I will do my best to see that this is expedited.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : Unfortunately, civil engineers seem to be very important from the pressure point of view. May I ask the hon. Minister if he is willing to give this House an assurance that he will not succumb to the pressure of the civil engineers and see to it that the architects and town planners have their correct place in society so that they can justify the role that they are playing in society ?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA : I am not usually in the habit of submitting to pressures either by civil engineers or by anybody else. So, whatever decision I take, I assure my hon. friend that it will not be due to any pressure.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : May I know whether a representation in this connection has also been received from the Architects' Association of India ?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA : Yes, Sir. Recently the Institute of Architects has again urged that it was time that the Bill for regulating the profession of architects was introduced in Parliament.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA : May I know whether, while taking any step to organise this profession, the Government of India would also impress upon the States to insist on good architecture in town-planning ? The Government of India themselves could develop an aesthetic sense because I find that Delhi, one of the most well-planned cities, is being ruined by the new buildings that are thrown up without any plan by civil engineers.

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA : I think the question should be addressed to my hon. colleague, the Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development. I am not responsible for the architecture of Delhi.

SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA : May I know what the total number of architects is in the country and if they are all employed ?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA : There are about 2,000 architects. I do not know whether they are all employed. But the number is so small that they are doing very well.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : The hon. Minister said that the question should be addressed to the Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development, saying that he is not responsible for this kind of thing. But still he is answering this question. But I assume that he is responsible for cultural things at least.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Responsible for the building of Delhi ?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : All these things come in the ugly architecture of . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : Association of ideas.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : It is a cultural monstrosity. Therefore, I should like to know from the Minister as to whether, in view of all these things, the

matters are being discussed by him with the architects concerned and also with the Ministry concerned ?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA : No, Sir. We have had no discussion as to the building of New Delhi. In a sense, my hon. friend is right. I am responsible for culture but that is a very wide subject and that would make me intrude upon every Ministry

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CHIT FUND COMPANIES IN DELHI

*857 **SHRI RAM SINGH :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late cases where fraudulent practices were resorted to by the Chit Fund Companies in the Capital have increased considerably; and

(b) if so, in how many cases the police have instituted inquiries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) During 1964 and 1965, 17 and 13 cases respectively, were registered by the police.

RELEASE OF LEFT COMMUNISTS

*861. **SHRI A. D. MANI :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some left Communists were released in Kerala, recently;

(b) if, so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the names of detenus who have been released ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) On a consideration of all the circumstances their further detention did not appear necessary.

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