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Chapter 17

Standardization

Standardization is a setting up by authority or common consent, of a quantity, quality, pattern or method of work as an economical and serviceable model. An individual lives his life within severe limits of time, energy and creative power. Hence, every act that can be taken out of the domain of the new and therefore, uncertain and difficult things and put in the category of the routine and simple acts — approximating to involuntary acts — releases his time and energy to the fulfillment of the creative impulse and thus, enlarges his horizon. Hence, standardization is one of the essential factors making civilisation possible.

(17; Vol. 8, 1971, p162)

STANDARDISATION OF TERMINOLOGY

To revive any Indian language and to make it fit to express advanced and new ideas, a long range programme should be adopted by our statesmen. Due to historical causes, our thinkers of today, think mostly in English. A specialised idea and the technical term denoting it are unique in their relation as Kalidasa has emphasised. Thought and language are indivisible. Therefore, we cannot create technical terminology through a committee of experts, voting for this word or that word, for adoption as technical terminology.

(17; Vol. 8, 1971, p295-296)

SIMPLIFICATION OF STANDARDS

Next to the Principle of Standardization, comes the Principle of Simplification. The smaller the variety of models and sizes which will answer a given need, the lower the wastage. For example, where 34 varieties and sizes of common brick were made, it was found possible to serve all purposes with one; where milk bottles were made in 49 sizes and types, it was found that 9 sizes, all supplied with a single size of cap would do.

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