

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: On page two of the statement, in item No. (iii) it has been mentioned that colleges are provided with foreign exchange for purchase of scientific equipments. I want to know what was the amount sanctioned by way of foreign exchange for purchasing equipments from foreign countries, what is the amount that has already been spent and which is the State that has benefited most?

Shri Humayun Kabir: There are three or four questions rolled into one.

Mr. Speaker: He might answer only one.

Shri Humayun Kabir: The University Grants Commission have informed us that they have made some provision for foreign exchange but they have not given the quantum. But I can tell my hon. friend that the amount required for all the universities in India in foreign exchange is roughly about Rs. 1 crore for the whole country per year.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Even one question has not been replied fully. I want to know what has been already spent.

Mr. Speaker: He has chosen one question, but that may not be what she wanted.

डा० गोविन्द दास : क्या माननीय मंत्री को मालूम है कि डा० कोठारी अनेक बार यह बात कह चुके हैं कि वैज्ञानिक स्तर पर हम इसलिए ऊँचे नहीं हो रहे हैं कि हमें एक विदेशी भाषा के माध्यम द्वारा शिक्षा दी जा रही है और क्या इस सम्बन्ध में कोई प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है कि यह सारी शिक्षा हमें भारतीय भाषाओं के माध्यम के द्वारा दी जायें ?

Shri Humayun Kabir: So far as secondary education is concerned, by and large the education is through the mother tongue, and, therefore, this question does not arise.

University at Ramakrishna Mission, Belur

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Dr. P. N. Khan:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation was made to Government from Ramakrishna Mission, Belur in West Bengal for any financial help to set up a university in the name of Swami Vivekananda to commemorate his birth centenary; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to help setting up the university?

The Minister in Charge Ministry of Education (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) The Government of West Bengal has forwarded an application and a draft Bill submitted by the Ramakrishna Mission, Belur for obtaining the advice of the University Grants Commission.

(b) Neither the Central Government nor the Commission pay any grants for the establishment of Universities, but the Commission's help is available for development projects after a University has started functioning.

Shri Subodh Hansda: The hon. Minister stated that the Government of West Bengal has forwarded a scheme submitted by the Ramakrishna Mission, Belur. May I know whether the details of the scheme have been given and, if so, what type of university is going to be set up there?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I stated that they have sent not only an application but a draft Bill. So, obviously, all the details are there. The University Grants Commission will send the appropriate advice to the Government of West Bengal.

Shri Subodh Hansda: Since the centenary of Swami Vivekananda is being celebrated throughout the country and, also, all over the world, may I know whether the Government pro-

pose to do anything as was done in the Tagore Centenary?

Shri Humayun Kabir: This question does not, strictly speaking, arise from the main question. But we have given very substantial assistance for the publication of Swami Vivekananda's books in every Indian language and in English.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: Is Government considering any proposal to set up a central university in the name of Swami Vivekananda?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I would draw the attention of the hon. Member to an article in the Constitution under which the Government cannot establish a central university. It can only take over an institution and declare it as of national importance.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: Is there any such proposal?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Since there is no institution at the moment, the question does not arise.

Shri A. C. Guha: The hon. Minister has stated that the detailed proposals about the university are contained in the Bill. May I know whether it will be a unitary university or it will cover all the educational institutions run by Ramakrishna Mission both in Bengal and outside Bengal?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Let us await the recommendations of the University Grants Commission and see in what form it will ultimately emerge and be passed by the West Bengal Government.

श्री कछवाय : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या दक्षिण भारत से भी इसी प्रकार की मांग आई है; यदि हाँ, तो सरकार ने उस पर क्या विचार किया है ?

श्री हुमायून् कबिर : ऐसी कोई मांग दक्षिण भारत से नहीं आई है ।

Dr. Ranen Sen: It was reported that this university is going to be established by the efforts of the Rama-

krishna Mutt, Belur. It was also reported that they wanted a big plot of land to establish that university by having a building. Has the Government thought over this matter and tried to help them?

Shri Humayun Kabir: As I said, this concerns the State Government and in fact the question should be addressed to the State Government.

Botanical Garden in Delhi

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 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri Inder J. Malhotra:
 Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
 Shri Warrior:
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:
 Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
 Shri P. K. Deo:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to have a botanical garden in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the broad features of the proposal?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is to have the garden located in the "Green Belt" around the Qutab as recommended by the Landscape Committee in the Master Plan of Delhi. The details are yet to be worked out.

With your permission, Sir, I may add that this is only a proposal before the Central Government and final decision can be taken only if the required funds are available and the Planning Commission gives its approval to the scheme.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know the efforts that are being made to get the required amount of funds from the Planning Commission and also from the Government of India?