

the economic and other developments in India. Such a coverage as is done through such supplements is not possible through Government agencies.

Gift given to a Mosque in Cairo

1259. **Shri U. M. Trivedi:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the circumstances which led Government to allow a gift of Rs. 20 lakhs worth to be given to a mosque in Cairo by the Head Priest of Dawoodi Bohras;

(b) the quantity of gold involved in this gift; and

(c) the amount of gift-tax recovered in this behalf?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) The Government has not allowed making of any such gift.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Old Age Pension Scheme

*1260. **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Tulshidas Jadhav:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri D. S. Patil:

Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the finalisation of the Old Age Pension Scheme; and

(b) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) and (b). The Scheme is still under consideration.

Arrangement for Supply of Literature on Plans

*1261. **Shri R. Barna:** Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any arrangement for adequate and prompt supply of suitable literature on the Plans to the Planning Forums of Colleges and Universities; and

(b) if so, its details?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri L. N. Mishra):

(a) The Planning Forums are being supplied free of charge with Plan publications and Journals issued on behalf of the Planning Commission. The Commission have also requested all the Central Ministries to send their Plan publications to the various Colleges and Universities where Planning Forums are functioning.

(b) A list of the Plan Publication and Journals supplied to Forums by the Commission is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6115/86].

Raising of Resources by States

*1262. **Shri Firodia:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Governments have failed to raise their share of additional resources needed for development plans in the current year; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat):

(a) and (b). It is true that measures for raising resources announced so far by State Governments falls short of the expectations of the current year. But as the year has just commenced, it is difficult to say at this stage whether the State Governments have failed or succeeded in raising their share of additional resources needed for development plans in the current year.

Calcutta National Bank

*1263. **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta National Bank which went into liquidation in 1951 or thereabout has fully paid up all its creditors and depositors;

(b) if not, the details of payment up-to-date; and

(c) the reasons for the delay?