

gard to the price. Therefore, I do not think there is any need to adopt the American method for the purpose of controlling the steel price here.

**Post-graduate Engineering Education and Research**

\*702. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the attempts that are being made for the development of Post-Graduate engineering education and research; and

(b) what were the recommendations of the two-day conference of the Principals of the Technical Institutes in the country and State Directors of Technical Education held at Delhi recently?

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) The report of the expert Committee on Post-graduate Engineering Education and Research is available in the Library of the Sabha. The main recommendations of the Committee have been accepted and a Board has been set up to implement them.

(b) No specific recommendations were made but, there was a free exchange of views on the manner of implementation of the report and related aspects.

**Shri Bhagawat Jha Azad:** May I know whether this Ministry has got any assessment of the present requirements in the Third Plan in the field of engineering?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** Of course, yes.

\* **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** May I know what attempts are being made to fulfil the shortage that we have at present according to the assessment that the Ministry has

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** At the present moment, there is no shortage.

We have met the requirements at present. For the plans which are in hand, we will be able to meet the requirements by 1966.

**Dr. K. L. Rao:** May I know whether discussions were arranged between professors of the various subjects with regard to post-graduate research in engineering, because post-graduate research depends upon mainly the professors and not on the principals?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** Almost a hundred people were here during the discussions, and they were mostly heads of all engineering colleges including higher technological institutes, and State Directors of Education, and there was free exchange of views, and we shall take note of those views.

**Calcutta Metropolitan Planning Organisation**

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\*704. { **Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:**  
**Dr. Ranen Sen:**  
**Dr. Saradish Roy:**  
**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
**Shri Sarkar Murmu:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Calcutta Metropolitan Planning Organisation has been set up by the Government of West Bengal with the help of Government of India and some foreign organisations;

(b) what are the authorities that are being consulted for detailing the Plan and for its execution;

(c) whether any expert Committee has been set up for the same; and

(d) what the estimated cost is and what is the actual Plan?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha):** (a) The Government of West Bengal has set up the Calcutta Metropolitan Planning Organisation.

(b) Ford Foundation Consultants, different Departments of the State Government, the Central Road Research Institute and other Statutory and Non-statutory Bodies are being consulted. As the Plan is not yet ready, the question of execution does not arise.

(c) Study Groups have been set up to examine problems relating to traffic transportation, Socio-economic conditions, housing and land use.

(d) The Plan and the estimated cost thereof are under preparation.

**Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:** May I know whether the Bengal Legislative Assembly will have any control over this Metropolitan Planning Organisation that will be set up?

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** This organisation is being set up for preparing the plan, and over the preparation of the plan and the conducting of surveys, it will have control.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know whether any foreign collaboration for the execution of this plan has been received, because it had transpired that USA was offering financial assistance for this purpose?

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** The Ford Foundation is going to provide free funds as well as consultants. Also, the United Nations Special Fund has agreed to provide assistance for the survey of the water supply, sewage and drainage problems of Greater Calcutta.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know in what proportion the Central Government will share the expenditure with the State Government?

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** The West Bengal Government have set apart a sum of Rs. 1 crore in the Third Plan for the preparation of this plan, and for financing this Metropolitan Planning Organisation. Apart from that, the Central Government have made a provision in the Third Plan of Rs. 10 crores to be provided

for the execution of the plan, but the execution does not arise at present because the plan is not there. Also, the West Bengal Government are going to set up Rs. 10 crores in the Third Plan for this purpose.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** May I know to what extent the Central Government are being associated with the preparation of the plan itself?

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** I gave that information in the answer to the main question. The Central Government are being consulted.

#### Financing of Schemes

\*705. **Shrimati Renuka Ray:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after certain budgetary reforms, the money required for a very large number of schemes meant for implementation during the last financial year was given during February and March, 1962; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government are taking to prevent this last minute hurried expenditure in order to avoid the money budgeted from lapsing?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha):** (a) Normally money is made available for expenditure on schemes well in advance. In cases, however, where the details of the schemes are worked out in the later part of the year, late allocation of funds becomes unavoidable. In such cases also the money provided is limited to what can normally be expected to be expended during the remaining part of the year.

(b) There are rules prohibiting a rush of expenditure in the closing months of the year. The spending Departments have also been assured that in cases where they are unable, for valid reasons, to utilise fully during the year the funds provided for