

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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*Wednesday, May 23rd 1962/Jyaistha  
2, 1884 (Saka).*

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair].

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Rockefeller Grants to Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi**

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\*948. { Shri Subodh Hansda;  
Shri S. C. Samanta;  
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rockefeller Foundation has recently announced some grants to Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi;

(b) if so, how much and how it is to be spent.

(c) what grants have been sanctioned to other recipient bodies in India for 1962-63; and

(d) how they will have to be spent?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat):** (a) A grant was sanctioned by the Rockefeller Foundation to the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi in October, 1961.

(a) The amount of the grant is \$45,000. It is to be utilized for import of such components of air-conditioning equipment, as are not indigenously available for the Library Wing and adjacent stock-rooms of the institute.

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(c) and (d). A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

### STATEMENT

*Rockefeller Foundation Grants Sanctioned during the year 1962-63,*

Name of the Institute	Amount	Purpose
University of Rajasthan, Department of Zoology	\$10,000	For purchase of equipment and supplies for research in Zoology.
University of Lucknow	\$76,000	For purchase of research equipment for the Department of Bio-Chemistry of the Science Faculty and for Department of Pharmacology in King Georges medical College.
University of Lucknow	\$37,800	For meeting part of the construction cost of three experimental teaching Health Sub-Centres for fields teaching in social and preventive medicine in the K. G. medical College.

In addition, three travel grants have been sanctioned by the Rockefeller Foundation to three Research Scholars for study and research in pathology, biology and library science.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** From the statement I find that two universities have been sanctioned grant by the Rockefeller Foundation. May I know the basis of selection of universities for giving grants?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** This particular grant was in pursuance of an agreement signed between the Government and the Rockefeller Foundation on development of post-degree courses in the Indian Agricultural Research Institute for which a sum of 100 000 dollars was provided. Later on, because of the rise in prices and other reasons, another grant of 45 000 dollars has been provided for the Library Wing. So far as the general question of giving grants is concerned, Rockefeller Foundation is interested in general welfare activities like science, public health and education. As a result of discussions between the External Affairs Ministry and the representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation, subjects of mutual interest are agreed upon.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** Since the Indian Agricultural Research Institute has been giving this additional grant of 45 000 dollars for importing the air-conditioning equipment, may I know from which country the machinery will be imported?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** Since this is a free grant without any conditions attached to it, it will be imported from such country where the condition of the equipment and the prices are favourable.

**Shri Heda:** So far as the grant to I.A.R.T. is concerned, may I know whether the Institute had applied for a small sum of 45,000 dollars?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** As I said, this is part of the original agreement between the Government and the Rockefeller Foundation under which they gave 100,000 dollars for development of post-graduate courses in the ICAR, including the construction of a Library Wing. But, for some reason or other, the Library Wing could not be started. In the meanwhile, the prices went up. So, this additional grant was given by them.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether any other institution has applied for

this grant and, if so, on what basis this selection was made?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** There is no other institution in the country like the Indian Agricultural Research Institute.

**डा० गोविन्द दास :** अभी मंत्री जी ने कहा कि इस सम्बन्ध में १००,००० डालर का ग्रांट पहले मिल चुकी थी और कुछ और ग्रांट भी मिलने वाली है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इन दोनों ग्रांट्स से यह काम पूरा हो जायेगा या और अधिक रूप की आवश्यकता होगी।

**श्री ब० रा० भगत :** और सभी काम हो चुके हैं और पुस्तकालय बन चुका है। उस में एयर-कन्डीशनिंग की व्यवस्था करने के लिये यह दूसरी ग्रांट दी गई है।

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** It is mentioned in the statement:

"In addition, three travel grants have been sanctioned by the Rockefeller Foundation to three Research Scholars for study and research in pathology, biology and library science."

May I know how these grants have been distributed? Who are the scholars? What is the basis of their selection?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** If information is required on the name of the scholars, I want separate notice.

#### Bio-gas Fertilizer Pilot Plant

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\*949. { Shri Subodh Hansda:  
          { Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether the negotiations for setting up the Bio-gas Fertilizer Pilot Plant with foreign firms have been completed;

(b) if so, the names of the firms with whom negotiations were carried;

(c) the terms and conditions offered by the different firms; and