

Institutions for the Handicapped

*1228. **Shri Naldurgker:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) how many institutions and organisations have been set up so far in accordance with the advice of the National Advisory Council for the education of the handicapped; and

(b) how much financial assistance is given annually to these institutions by Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) None.

(b) Does not arise.

National Savings Advisory Committee

*1229. **Shri N. E. Munisamy:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) what are the achievements of the National Savings Advisory Committee since its formation;

(b) whether the scheme envisaged similar committees at State level; and

(c) if so, the names of the States which have constituted such committees?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) The National Savings Advisory Committee is only an advisory body, and as such its achievements cannot be measured in specific terms. Some of the recommendations of the Committee regarding publicity and other matters have been accepted and implemented, and the rest are under consideration.

(b) and (c). The following States/Union Territories have constituted State Savings Advisory Committees:

1. Andhra Pradesh.
2. Assam
3. Bihar.
4. Delhi.
5. Kerala.
6. Madras.

Madhya Pradesh.

8. Orissa.
9. Punjab.
10. Rajasthan.
11. Uttar Pradesh.

Shri N. E. Munisamy: May I know the main difficulties that have stood in the way of the simultaneous formation of such committees in the other States, and whether those difficulties are likely to be overcome?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: There are only a few States that are left over. Bombay is the most important of them. We are pursuing the matter with them, and the committee will be formed there too.

Shri N. E. Munisamy: May I know whether these committees tender any advice in regard to the women's small savings campaign, and whether any achievements have so far been co-ordinated as per the advice given by these committees?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: Does the hon. Member refer to the committees in the States or at the Centre?

Shri N. E. Munisamy: At both the levels.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: It is difficult to give the details about the various committees that have tendered advice. But generally, they advise about the general progress of the work of the National Savings Campaign, the publicity, the co-operation that can be enlisted from the people, and other matters, and their advice is generally accepted, and given very weighty consideration.

Shri E. Ramanathan Chettiar: May I know how the National Savings Advisory Committees are constituted at the different centres?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: They are constituted in consultation with the State Governments.