

All India Gazetteers

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Shri Hem Raj:

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

(a) the progress since made in the revision of the gazetteers at the all India, State and District levels; and

(b) which of the States have finalised their plans for the publications of State and District Gazetteers?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 5].

श्री भक्त वर्मन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि चूँकि यह प्रश्न कई वर्षों में विचाराधीन रहा है, इस सम्बन्ध में केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्य सरकारों को हिदायतें दे रही है कि इस बारे में क्षीघ्रता की जाये ।

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श्री भक्त वर्मन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस बात का धनदाया लगाया गया है कि सारे गजेटियर्स का संशोधन करने में केन्द्रीय सरकार का कितना खर्च होगा और राज्य सरकारें कितने खर्च को वहन करेंगी ।

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The total expenditure, as far as the Central Government are concerned, is estimated at about Rs. 35 lakhs. A provision of Rs. 35 lakhs was approved in the Second Plan, but it has now been reduced to Rs. 25 lakhs. I could not exactly say how much it would cost the State Governments. That would differ from State to State to some extent.

Indian Steel Engineers

*1070. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forty-five Indian Engineers, who went to Russia during November 1957 for training in steel industry have gone at the cost of the Indian Government or under technical training aid by the Russian Government;

(b) how long they will remain in Russia and what will be the probable cost of their training; and

(c) whether they will be entitled to higher salaries than their present scale after their return?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) It is expected that the cost of training of these forty-five Engineers in the USSR will be borne by the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration.

(b) Six months in the first instance. This may be extended if necessary. The cost of training is Roubles 900/- per engineer per month.

(c) Graduate Apprentices receive a stipend of Rs. 250 per month and are considered for the scales of Rs. 300—500 or Rs. 350—850 depending on their ability and performance during training. Junior Engineers are appointed even initially on Rs. 350—850 and continued on that scale.

Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: May I know how many engineers have been sent from Andhra Pradesh?

Sardar Swaran Singh: There was no such thing as selection from any particular State. So, I could not say how many engineers hailed from Andhra Pradesh.

Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: May I know whether the selection is made on merit or on the basis of seniority?

Sardar Swaran Singh: Suitability is the main consideration. Merit and seniority are both considered.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether any engineer has been sent for training with this in view that when he