

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

returns back he may develop the Bhadravati Iron and Steel Works?

Sardar Swaran Singh: Not in this batch.

Dr. Gobekar: May I know whether the engineers have signed any contracts with the Government of India? If so, for how many years?

Sardar Swaran Singh: All of them have been employed by the Government. They are getting stipend during this period. The terms of the contract are that after they finish their training, they will continue to be in the service of Government depending, again, upon their suitability; if they shape well, they will be retained; if not, they will make room for others.

Shri C. D. Pande: May I know whether similar batches of engineers have been sent to the USA and Germany, and whether their expenses are also met by the UNO or by the respective States where they have been sent?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The expenses of the engineers who have been sent for training to the USA are not borne by the UN Technical Assistance Fund but by the Ford Foundation, if my memory serves me right. Expenses of the trainees who have gone over to the UK are borne under the Colombo Plan. I could not say off hand as to what is the financial arrangement for the expenses of engineers who have gone to West Germany.

Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan: May I know whether these engineers are direct employees of the Government or whether they are employed by the Hindustan Steel Limited?

Sardar Swaran Singh: They are employed by the Hindustan Steel (Private) Limited.

Shri Ranga: As regards such of them as have been in government service till now, when they came to be employed by the Hindustan Steel Limited, would they get the benefit

of their previous service with Government, or would they have to take up service anew, apart from whatever seniority they have already earned in the service of Government?

Sardar Swaran Singh: When those people who were already in government service applied for a post here, they did so with eyes open, and considered that the prospects here were perhaps better than the original prospects. Their previous service and experience will be taken into consideration in appointing them to particular posts and also at particular levels in particular grades. I cannot enunciate any rule of thumb which is applicable in such cases. It will depend upon the merits of each individual case.

Shri T. N. Singh: Has it come to the notice of Government that there are many cases where engineers and technicians trained at Government cost are being taken over by private enterprise, whereas Government themselves have been scrupulously observing the scheme on their side? If so, may I know whether any attention has given to the point of making these conditions more stringent so that technicians trained at our cost may not go over easily to private enterprise?

Sardar Swaran Singh: Actually, the pattern adopted with regard to these trainees has been so devised that a contingency of the nature pointed out by the hon. Member is fully met. They are not trainees as such sent out on training and then they take their chance on return to find a suitable job. That has not been the pattern adopted in the case of these trainees. They have been employed, and this is part of their employment under which we have sent them abroad for improving their technical qualifications. The employment continues. When they come back, they are put on specific jobs.