

answered that. It is difficult to estimate precisely the amount saved. That is because of the reason that whereas some economies have been effected—the department has grown and the expenditure has grown in other directions—it is very difficult to break up the figures to assess the amount of economy precisely.

Shri Tyagi: As to the working out of the figures, I can understand the difficulty of the Government,—regarding the estimates, etc.,—but what is the total amount of economies recommended by this Committee?

Shri K. C. Reddy: That has to be worked out

Shri T. N. Singh: Sir, my question has not been answered. The answer that has been given states the number of recommendations made and the number implemented. What the House wanted and the questioner wanted was whether the content of the recommendations was accepted or not. The answer said that seven recommendations were not accepted and certain things were accepted. How will that enable a proper appreciation of the answer given? I wanted to know whether you will give a direction that more precise and comprehensive answers in such cases should be given.

Shri Anil K. Chanda: We will place a statement on the Table of the House showing the exact position of the recommendations of this Committee.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Members will also make their questions clearer.

Shri T. N. Singh: I was quite clear.

Shri Supakar: I made my question as clear as possible, and I expected that the hon. Minister will at least—while there have been so many recommendations made—lay a statement on the Table showing which recommendations are acceptable and which are not acceptable to the Government.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Members would have known what recommendations have been accepted by the Government from the answer given. The

hon. Members may change the language and make their questions clear. Next question.

Nangal Fertilizer Chemical Factory

*1252. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no reservation is being made for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes in the recruitment of the staff of the Nangal Fertilizer Chemical Factory in spite of Government policy; and

(b) in case these categories of persons are recruited, the number of such persons taken in service so far?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) 46

Shri Daljit Singh: May I know by what time the percentage of reservation for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes will be completed according to the Government policy?

Shri Satish Chandra: As far as backward classes are concerned, there is no reservation for them. The reservation applies only to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. There is no Scheduled Tribe population in that part of the country. As far as Scheduled Classes are concerned, every effort will be made to recruit more people consistent with efficiency and the availability of persons with suitable experience and qualifications.

Play on India on B.B.C.

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*1254. { **Shri Vajpayee:**
Shri Rameshwar Tanti:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether a play tantamounting to a slander on India, was played on television by the B.B.C. recently;

(b) whether the Indian High Commissioner has lodged a protest against this play; and

(c) if so, with what results?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) to (c). A play "Free Passage Home" was recently televised by the British Broadcasting Corporation. As it had certain objectionable features, our High Commission in London pointed these out to the Corporation. In reply, the author, Mr. Ian Mac Cormick, has regretted giving any offence to Indian sentiment and has offered his apologies for any impression that the play was in any way biased against India.

Shri Vajpayee: May I know whether the apology tendered by the author of the play was broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): We do not know.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know the name of the play?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: Free Passage Home. I said it in the answer.

Shri Thirumala Rao: Have they given assurance that the play will not be repeated again? That is lacking in that expression of regret.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: No, Sir. We do not know. The assurance was about the whole play. They might make some changes possibly. I do not know.

Radioactivity

*1255. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Atomic Energy Department of the Government of India has recently installed equipment for collecting dust from the atmosphere at the Meteorological Observatory in Srinagar (Kashmir) for assessing the extent of radio-activity therein;

(b) if so, the date from which the equipment became operative;

(c) the amount of dust so far collected; and

(d) the extent of radio-activity discovered in it?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 15th October 1957.

(c) and (d). Dust present in 22 c.ft. of air is collected daily. The average amount of radio-activity in the air at Srinagar during the past two months is about 1:5 micro-micro curies per cubic meter of air, which is much below the danger level.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: May I know the total expenditure incurred in the installation of this new equipment at Srinagar?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not know.

Shri S. V. Ramaswami: May I know how many collecting centres are there? I think only one. Is it not better to have more centres so that we may have a regular check-up of radio-activity in our atmosphere?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: There are centres at Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and two or three other places to my knowledge; there may be more.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: May I know whether it has been found that some crops have been affected by this radio-active fall-out? This dust was sent on 15th October to Bombay; will this be more or less the time when any report about such dust can be had from the examinations?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not understand this question. There is a constant examination and records are kept. Thus far, all these records have not indicated any near approach to what might be called the danger zone. There the matter rests. I do not think anyone has noticed living beings being affected by this anywhere.