

Shri V. P. Nayar: The hon. Minister stated that the report has not been available yet. Could I know the number of non-government aid schools with primary section in which a fee of Rs. 15 per student per month is charged in Delhi?

Dr. K. L. Shrivastava: The hon. Member is going beyond the scope of this question. It is not possible for me to give all that information.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri Tangamani: One more question, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow further questions. We have a number of questions to be answered.

Shri Tangamani: There was a strike notice on the same issue. If the recommendations are not implemented immediately there will be another strike.

Mr. Speaker: Let them strike.

Bank Advances against Foodgrains

*335. { **Shri Sadhan Gupta:**
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Awasthi:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the position of bank advances against foodgrains as on the 31st October, 1957;

(b) the position of bank advances against rice and paddy in the States of West Bengal, Assam, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Madras, Kerala and Mysore as on the 31st October, 1957; and

(c) how this position compares with the position of such advances as on the 31st October, in each of the three preceding years?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. E. Bhagat): (a) to (c). Complete data regarding the position as

on the 31st October, 1957, are not yet ready. Figures of Statewise distribution of the advances were not maintained prior to 1956. A statement showing the position as at the end of August is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 35].

Shri Sadhan Gupta: It is said, complete data for the position as on 31st October is not available. What is the incomplete data in this respect? Is any data available on State basis?

Shri B. E. Bhagat: I think I am not called upon to give incomplete or inaccurate data.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: Is any data available for some States and if so, for which States?

Shri B. E. Bhagat: Because of the strike in Bengal, the branches of the State Banks and Scheduled Banks in Bengal could not furnish data. So, data up to October for all the banks could not be ready. If the hon. Member wants some rough and ready figure, as on the last occasion it was given in regard to paddy and rice, the figure was about Rs. 4 crores. Some such figure again can be provided. As for having comprehensive data, there is genuine difficulty.

Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar: May I know, as a result of this credit squeeze policy of the Reserve Bank of India in respect of advances on foodgrains, if the prices have come down and if so by what percentage?

Mr. Speaker: Going away from one thing to another.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: From the statement it appears that on 31st August 1956, advances against paddy and rice were Rs. 7.5 crores and on 30th August, 1957, it was Rs. 6.5 crores. I would like to know whether any Scheduled Banks took action according to the direction given by the State Banks. There is only a reduction of one crore. What about other banks?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The reduction has been as a result of the directive of the Reserve Bank which other Banks implemented.

Shri Bimal Ghose: May I know if the Government have ever enquired and found out the reason why the advances in 1953-54 and 1954-55 when we had the largest food production were lower than in 1956-57?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): I can't quite comprehend what the hon. Member said. Would he repeat the question?

Mr. Speaker: The advances in 1953 were much lower when production of foodgrains was the highest.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I won't like to hazard an answer because I have not got the figures before me. The hon. Member will recognise that the index figures for foodgrains in 1953-54 came down to about 86. It is now somewhere about 109. The very fact that prices were lower could certainly necessitate the advance amount being lower even though the stocks were higher. It is quite possible that the figure might have been lower than what it is today. I would like to say in addition to what my young colleague has said, the hon. Member opposite has asked for a discussion of this matter and it has been directed that a discussion should take place. I am collecting information and I expect to be able to give the Lok Sabha Secretariat the date on which I will be ready for the discussion. This matter may be thrashed out in full on that date.

English Language Teaching Institute

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*336. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Shri Kumaran:
Shri Wodeyar:

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

(a) whether Government propose to set up an autonomous institute to improve the teaching of English in the country;

(b) if so, whether the plan for the same has been prepared;

(c) where and when that institute is likely to be set up; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Ford Foundation of America has made a grant for the establishment of such an institute?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Institute is likely to be set up at Hyderabad in the near future.

(d) No, Sir, the grant has not yet been received.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether the plan for setting up that institute in Hyderabad has been finally decided and the date has also been fixed for setting up the institute?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: As I said, the institute is likely to be set up at Hyderabad and the Osmania University has already offered a part of its buildings for the location of this Institute. Final decision has still to be taken. As far as I can see, most probably, it will be in Hyderabad that the Institute will be set up. What is the other question?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: By what time?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: We are now awaiting the final sanction from the Finance Ministry for the whole scheme. As soon as that is received, the work will be started.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know how much Government propose to spend over this institute?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The total estimate will be Rs. 41 lakhs for the first five years. This does not, of course, include the cost of separate buildings which will cost approximately another Rs. 10 lakhs.