

Commonwealth has also expressed its desire to extend help?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The very name of the Bank, Commonwealth Bank, shows that the Members would be the Commonwealth countries and the funds would also come from the Commonwealth countries. Any outside country, at the very beginning, is ruled out. The main difficulty is where the funds will come from.

Shri Joachim Alva: Do the difficulties arise on account of the operation of powerful British Exchange Banks within these territories?

Mr. Speaker: It is a suggestion: want of money.

Shri Heda: Since the proposal would benefit under-developed countries, and India being one, may I know whether we are pursuing the proposal and if so, what efforts we are making?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: It is the U.K. Government which has initiated this and they are in correspondence with the various Commonwealth countries. When a reference was made to us, we have also given our tentative opinion about this. As I said, it is entirely in the exploratory stage. The indications from India as well as the other Commonwealth countries are of the various difficulties and the nature of the machinery. Nothing definite or concrete has come out.

Status of Teachers

*1396. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have issued certain directions to the State Governments to raise the status of teachers in their States; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the table of the

Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VI annexure No. 93].

Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: May I know whether the recommendations have been implemented?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: Yes, Sir. Many of the recommendations have been implemented. The most important recommendation which we made was with regard to increment of the salaries of teachers. I am glad to say that most of the States are now co-operating in increasing the salaries of school teachers.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : राज्य सरकारों को जो प्राइमरी स्कूलों के अध्यापकों के वेतन में बढ़ोतरी करने का परामर्श दिया गया है तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि सारे देश में प्राइमरी स्कूलों के अध्यापकों के वेतन में कितनी बढ़ोतरी हुई है और केन्द्रीय सरकार ने उस सम्बन्ध में कितनी सहायता दी है ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: Since the hon. Member wants to know for the whole country, I will be very glad to place a statement on the Table of the House showing the increment that has taken place in each State.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस सम्बन्ध में

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know about elementary school teachers.

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The names of the States are: In 1956-57, the States which participated were nine: West Bengal, Kerala, U.P., Madras, Bihar, Orissa, Assam, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. In 1957-58, Assam, Bihar, Bombay, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Mysore, U.P., West Bengal, Rajasthan and Punjab.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Which of the States pays the highest and which pays the lowest?

Dr. K. L. Shrivalli: The hon. Member may make a comparison when I lay a statement on the Table of the House.

Shri Thimmalah: What is the percentage of the share given by the Centre and the States in this?

Dr. K. L. Shrivalli: Fifty per cent.

Shri Achar: May I know whether these directions apply to the aided private schools also or only to Government institutions and District Board schools?

Dr. K. L. Shrivalli: All teachers.

Shri Tangamani: One of the recommendations is that these Teachers organisations are to be consulted whenever any Bills are proposed to be brought forward by the State Governments. May I know whether any of the State Governments have brought up Bills for really increasing the status of primary school teachers?

Dr. K. L. Shrivalli: These suggestions are of a general nature. They are not like orders which we issue from the Ministry of Education. It is our policy that Teachers organisations should always be consulted whenever certain reforms are undertaken in the educational system. That was the sort of general suggestion which we made to the State Government. I hope this has been implemented to some extent. I do not have the exact information with regard to each State.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether any of the State Governments have brought up any legislation on the basis of this recommendation?

Dr. K. L. Shrivalli: I should require notice for this.

Shri B. S. Murthy: What are the States that have not yet come under the orbit of this?

Mr. Speaker: I think he has already read out those States that have come. The other States have not: fourteen minus nine is five.

Shri B. S. Murthy: What are the reasons?

Mr. Speaker: Reasons? Next question. I have allowed a number of supplementaries.

Oil Refineries

*1397. **Shri N. R. Munisamy:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of petrol in the Oil Refineries in India (e.g. Caltex at Vizagapatnam) is more than the offtake; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to increase the offtake and to keep the refineries working without temporary stoppages?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The surplus quantity of Petrol is exported to neighbouring countries and there have been no temporary stoppages in the refineries as a result of this surplus production.

Shri N. R. Munisamy: May I know the installed capacity of the Caltex Refinery, Vizagapatnam and its working capacity and how far it is related to the increase of offtake?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We are producing 22,873 tons of petrol and 25,570 tons of furnace oil from the Caltex refinery.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon: May I know whether it is a fact that the surplus motor gasoline that comes out of the Caltex refinery is exported at a far lesser price than the price at which the spirit is sold in India?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I could not say that. Surplus production of motor spirit is exported. I think, subject to correction, they are disposed of at a competitive price.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that these oil refineries have increased their output by 30 per cent. in recent