

LOK SABHA

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Television Unit

*1967. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1179 on the 5th December, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up of an experimental Television Unit at Delhi for social and educational purposes has finally been approved;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the place where the unit is being set up?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri A. C. Joshi): (a) to (c). It has not yet been found possible to allocate the foreign exchange required for equipping the unit.

Shri Subblah Ambalam: May I know the amount of foreign exchange required for this unit?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): This would be about Rs. 2 lakhs. To make it quite clear, this is not for the unit

but for part of the equipment which is still to be acquired. Part of the equipment is already there.

Shri Tyagi: If it is a question of only Rs. 2 lakhs and if half or more than half of the unit is lying useless, I wonder what is this economy?

Dr. Keskar: I am not able to answer that. I have to get foreign exchange from the Ministry of Finance. But I might inform the House that we are exploring other ways also of getting equipment etc. and I have every hope that during this financial year, we will be able to get all the equipment and start something.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : जहां तक मुझे ज्ञात है यह यंत्र फ़िलिप्स के विशेषज्ञों के द्वारा लगाया जा रहा है, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या कोई अमरीकी विशेषज्ञ इस यंत्र को लगाने के लिये अथवा इसका संचालन करने के लिये नियुक्त किया जा रहा है या भारतीय विशेषज्ञों के द्वारा यह चलाया जा रहा है ?

डा० केशकर : माननीय सदस्य ने जो सवाल किया है वह पूरे तौर पर ठीक नहीं है, अंशतः ही ठीक है। हम फ़िलिप्स से लगवा नहीं रहे हैं बल्कि जो एक्विपमेंट हमने शुरू में लिया उसको फ़िलिप्स ने हमको बहुत सस्ते दाम पर दिया लेकिन बाकी जो एक्विपमेंट कैमराज वगैरह है यह जरूरी नहीं है कि वह फ़िलिप्स के ही हों और उसको हमें खरीदना पड़ेगा। भूमकित है कि वह हमको लोन की तौर पर भी मिलें और उसके लिये हम कोशिश कर रहे हैं और आशा है कि शायद मिल जायें। बाकी एक्विपमेंट फ़िलिप्स से लेना जरूरी नहीं है।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : मेरे प्रश्न का उत्तर नहीं दिया गया। मैं जानना चाहता था कि इसको लगाने के लिये तथा उसका संचालन करने के लिये कोई विदेश से विशेषज्ञ नियुक्त किया जा रहा है या हमारे ही इंजीनियर उनको लगा सकेंगे ?

श्री० केशकर : अभी तक तो कोई विदेशी विशेषज्ञ को बुलाने का हमारे सामने कोई सवाल नहीं है। हमारे यहां के एक इंजीनियर अमरीका में इसके बारे में कुछ ट्रेनिंग पा चुके हैं और अगर हमको यह पूरी आशा हो गई कि हमको बाकी एक्विपमेंट मिल सकेगा तो हम अपने ही इंजीनियर को बाहर भेज कर उसके बारे में जो कुछ भी करना है उसके बारे में करने के लिये और लगाने के लिये इंतजाम करेंगे।

Shri Yajnik: May I know the estimated cost of a receiving set? I believe a large number of receiving sets will be necessary in order to be able to avail ourselves of this transmission set.

Dr. Keskar: As far as receiving sets are concerned, the unit that is being set up here is meant for educational and cultural purposes. It is not going to be an ordinary television centre. We propose to have a sort of educational experiment in co-operation with the UNESCO by which we will be able to carry on school and college cultural classes and we hope that this experiment will give us a guidance in having such other units established later on.

Mr. Speaker: He only asked about the receiving sets.

Dr. Keskar: These sets will have to be got by us. My point is that it will be meant for ordinary . . .

Mr. Speaker: Even if there will be a single set, the hon. Member wants to know as to what its cost will be.

Dr. Keskar: We will be getting them from outside. We are not manufacturing them here.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether this proposal has been stayed for want of foreign exchange or whether there has been a subsequent change of policy? Last session there was an indication . . .

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member wants to know when the foreign exchange involved is only Rs. 2 lakhs whether it is due to that or due to change of policy that this has been stayed.

Dr. Keskar: There is no change in policy.

Engineering Graduates and Diploma Holders

*1968. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state whether any proper survey is being made for the requirements of Engineering graduates and Diploma holders needed for the development of industries in private and public sectors for the Second Five Year Plan?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): Yes. A Committee known as the Engineering Personnel Committee set up by the Planning Commission made an assessment of requirements in 1956 and some further studies have since been made in the Perspective Planning Division of the Planning Commission, and in various Ministries concerned.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Is it a fact that a lot of engineering graduates and diploma holders in India still find it difficult to get employment? If so, what special steps have been taken to provide jobs to them?

Shri L. N. Mishra: It is not a fact that engineers are unemployed. If the hon. Member's idea is based on the figures available on the live register of the employment exchanges, I would like to submit that those figures are somewhat misleading. These engineers are not unemployed, but this is somewhat a transitional stage and is of a fictional character.