

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The hon. Member is making a suggestion and I shall certainly keep it in mind.

Shri Panigrahi: What is the nature of the assistance rendered so far to the different sports bodies in different States under this scheme?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: I could tell the House the amount of grants given to the Rajkumari Sports Coaching Scheme, but if the hon. Member wants to know the names of the different organisations to which the grants were given, it is a long statement.

Shri Panigrahi: It may be laid on the Table.

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: I will be glad to lay that on the Table.

Shri Pattabhi Raman: Is there any proposal to reduce the various allotments to coaching schemes of various branches?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: No, there is no such proposal.

Shri Thimmaiah: In view of the fact that as an independent body this scheme is becoming very popular in the country, is it not possible for the Government to integrate all the schemes without taking them under the control of the Education Ministry?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The question is still not clear to me. But, I will try to answer. The scheme, as the hon. Member knows, was formerly dealt by the Health Ministry; and since sports are being dealt by the Ministry of Education, this scheme has been transferred to the Ministry of Education. The Ministry of Education has under consideration a comprehensive scheme for the organisation of sports. Every effort will be made to integrate the various schemes and also to economise wherever possible. At the same time, we are anxious to popularise sports as much as possible.

World Bank Loan for Ports

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Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Padam Dev:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that negotiations are being held with the World Bank for the grant of a loan for the development of ports in India;

(b) if so, the names of the ports concerned; and

(c) the amount of loan asked for?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Calcutta and Madras.

(c) The total foreign exchange component of the cost of the projects amounting to Rs. 17.68 crores has been mentioned in the Memorandum given to the World Bank.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know what is the total amount of outlay required for the development of these two ports for which a loan from the World Bank has been asked and what is the foreign exchange component which we have exactly put forward?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The total outlay on these two ports, as mentioned in the memorandum, is Calcutta, Rs. 22,55 lakhs roughly and Madras, Rs. 13,91 lakhs; and the foreign exchange component is, as I said, something like Rs. 17 crores. The proportion can be worked out.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether the World Bank Mission which came here asked us to fix the priority schemes in regard to foreign exchange requirements to be

met by the World Bank and may I know how the priorities have been fixed? What priorities have to be taken up by the World Bank first?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): So far as this matter is concerned, there was a team which went through the whole matter. They have chosen only Madras and Calcutta and it has got high priority. In fact, port development, whether it is for Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Vizag or any other, is a matter of high priority. But, here, the question of what should be done is determined by the fact that we can get the foreign exchange component. And that is what is now being given. So, the priorities are automatically being determined by our being able to get the foreign exchange component.

Shri Heda: May I know what amount of truth there is in the Press reports that the World Bank Team felt that we are not using the capacity of the ports in loading and unloading judiciously. In other words, where there is congestion we are allowing more congestion and where there is vacant space—in minor ports where they can load and unload adequately—we are not diverting cargo. How far is there truth in this impression created?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: It is very difficult for me to say that the report had dealt with all the aspects mentioned by the hon. Member; but it is undoubtedly true that the facts mentioned by the hon. Member exist. Not merely the report of the Posthuma Committee but also the report of the Colombo Plan Team had indicated that our ports are not sufficiently mechanised to deal with current traffic or any onrush of traffic that might come from time to time. Naturally, there are lots of improvements possible, particularly in Calcutta port. I would not say specifically that all the points mentioned by the hon. Member were covered by this report.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know if it is a fact that the World Bank, as given

out by its Vice President Mr. Knapp, is negotiating with the Port Trust of Calcutta for a loan for its development plans and the Government of India comes in only as guarantor for that loan?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: It is a matter of procedure. I think I can give a little more information. Two teams are going to Washington, one team from the Madras Port Trust and another from the Calcutta Port Trust. The liaison is being maintained by the Secretary of the Transport Department who is also going. The hon. Member knows that both these bodies have got a statutory position and any expenditure made in regard to a statutory body, that body must necessarily undertake to repay. The Government of India comes in as an ultimate guarantor. It is not a question of the World Bank choosing a particular method of transacting its business. But the facts of the situation are that it is necessary for these bodies to commit themselves individually and Government would come in both as a person co-ordinating as also as guarantor.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Is it a fact that besides being financed by the World Bank loan, ports are also being financed by the President's Asian Development Fund? May I know whether that Fund has assured any sum, and, if so, what is the exact amount?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: If we are able to get any assistance from the American President's Asian Development Fund, it would be for the Vizag port. I do not think that will cover Calcutta or Madras unless it be that in regard to export of ores we might have to do something in Calcutta. I do not think that is on the cards now. At the present moment, we are concentrating our attention on the Vizag port linking it up with any possible assistance that we might get from this particular Fund.