

U.S. Aid to India

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 Shri Ram Krishna:
 Shri Mohan Swarup:
 Shri Shebha Ram:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Raghunath Singh:
 Shri B. S. Murthy:
 Shri Jagdish Awasthi:
 Shrimati Masda Ahmed:
 Shrimati Tarkeshwari
 Sinha:
 Shri Nanshir Bharucha:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Government has finalised its scheme regarding aid for India's Second Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the nature of the Scheme; and

(c) the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) to (c). As recently announced in a press communique the U.S. Government have indicated their willingness to discuss a loan programme of \$225 million. A delegation is at present discussing various projects which can be financed under this arrangement.

National Theatre

*270. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made with regard to the construction of the National Theatre; and

(b) the approximate date by which the construction would be completed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrivast): (a) Preliminary designs for the building of the National Theatre have been prepared and are proposed to be submitted to the Cabinet shortly.

(b) The question does not arise as the construction work has not started.

Central Reference Library

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 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shrimati Hit Falkeombhari:

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

(a) how far the setting up of the Central Reference Library at Delhi has proceeded up-to-date;

(b) what is the-estimated additional cost over and above the sum allotted during the First Five Year Plan;

(c) how much has been spent for the National Bibliography Unit already started; and

(d) when the Library is expected to start functioning?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrivast): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 29].

Estimates of Steel Plants

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 Shri Morarka:
 Shri Nathwani:
 Shri Barman:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri Sambodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the total fee paid to the Consultants for preparing the estimates for the steel plants; and

(b) the foreign exchange content of the latest estimates and how much of it has already been provided for?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swarn Singh): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 30].

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 श्री मोहन लखन:
 श्री विमल शोच:

क्या मूँदरा-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि श्री हरिदास मूँदरा तथा कुछ अन्य व्यक्तियों पर दोष