

actually started in 1958-59 and whether any fresh scheme has been prepared for 1959-60?

**Dr K L Shrivastava:** I have already informed the hon Member that we have not yet received information from the State Governments. We shall have to wait for some time, because the year is just over.

**Colombo Plan**

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\*1698 { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**  
**Shri Rajendra Singh:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S.A. has become a full member of the Colombo Plan Council for Technical Co-operation in the South and South East Asia,

(b) if so, what material changes are likely to occur in resources position, and

(c) its effect on the size and phasing of assistance programme for different countries?

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

(b) No material changes are likely to occur in the resources position; and

(c) The size and phasing of assistance programme for different countries are also not likely to be affected

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** अमरीका जो कोलम्बो प्लान में शामिल हो रहा है तो उसके द्वारा क्या सहायता इस कोलम्बो प्लान को दी जायेगी ?

**श्री ब० ग० भगत :** कोलम्बो प्लान में जो अमरीका एक धरते से शामिल है । अभी उसकी जो टेकनिकल असिस्टेंस काउंसिल है उसमें वह शामिल नहीं है ।

**Shri Kaulwal:** Previously we had understood that the Colombo Plan was likely to be wound up during the course of the coming few years. May

I know whether now, as a result of the coming in of America for technical co-operation, there is a likelihood of the prolongation of the Colombo Plan for some more time?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** I do not know how the hon Member got the impression that the Colombo Plan was likely to be wound up. The only thing is that the first phase was for a particular period, and the consultative committee will decide the matter. There is no likelihood of its being wound up at all.

**Sanskrit Education Board**

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1699 { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
**Shri Supakar**  
**Shri Ram Krishan Gupta**  
**Shri A. K. Gopalan**  
**Shri Kadiyan:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India are contemplating to establish a Central Sanskrit Board, and

(b) if so, the composition and functions of the proposed Board?

**The Minister of Education (Dr K. L. Shrivastava):** (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The composition and functions of the Board have not yet been finalised

I would like to inform the hon Member that it is under the active consideration of Government, and I hope we shall be able to announce it within the course of a few days.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know whether the universities and the State Governments have been consulted while constituting this board?

**Dr. K L. Shrivastava:** It is not necessary to consult State Governments and the universities in this matter, but there are other recommendations of

the Sanskrit Commission, in regard to which we have to consult the State Governments and the universities, and that consultation is taking place

श्री स० चं० सामन्त क्या मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जान सकता हूँ कि हिन्दुस्तान में कुल संस्कृत के विश्वविद्यालय कितने हैं और कितने कालिज हैं जिनके लिये यह बोर्ड बनाने की आवश्यकता है ?

डा० डा० सा० श्रीमान्शो माननीय सदस्य को शायद यह विदित है कि संस्कृत कमीशन न यह सिफारिश की थी कि इस तरह का एक बोर्ड बनाया जाये, उन्होंने तो कहा था कि एक स्टेट्यूटरी बोर्ड बने। लेकिन उसके बारे में अभी विचार किया जा रहा है। तो संस्कृत कमीशन की सिफारिश के ऊपर ही इस समय विचार किया जा रहा है। जहाँ तक यूनीवर्सिटियों का ताल्लुक है जहाँ तक मुझे मालूम है संस्कृत की दो यूनीवर्सिटियाँ हैं, एक तो वाराणसी में और दूसरी कुरुक्षेत्र में। और विद्यालय कितने हैं इसका मैं ठीक ब्योरा धापको नहीं दे सकता।

**Shri C. B. Pattabhi Raman:** Are Government contemplating the association of pandits and shastris on this board?

**Dr. K L Shrimall:** There will be Sanskrit scholars, naturally, on the board

**Shri Dasappa:** May I know whether popularisation of Sanskrit among the masses is one of the objectives of this board?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** I do not know how the board can popularise the teaching of Sanskrit among the masses. The board will certainly consider how Sanskrit studies can be improved and consolidated

**Shri Shree Narayan Das.** What will be the precise functions of this board, and what will be the principle on this board?

**Dr. K L. Shrimall:** As I have already stated, the functions are being defined, and I hope to make the announcement within the course of a few days

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** I just wanted to know the principle on which this board will be constituted, not the details of it.

**Dr. K L. Shrimall:** The proposal is to have an advisory board to advise Government both with regard to matters of policy and with regard to matters pertaining to the propagation and development of Sanskrit in the country

**Shri Jadhav:** May I know whether the Report of the Sanskrit Commission will be laid on the Table of the House?

**Dr. K L. Shrimall:** As far as I am aware, it has already been placed in the Library. But if it has not been placed, I would see that it is placed

**Shri Supakar:** May I know whether it will be one of the functions of this Sanskrit Board to see that all the recommendations of the Sanskrit Commission are implemented within the shortest possible time?

**Dr. K L. Shrimall:** As I have stated, there are certain recommendations with which the Central Government have to deal, and there are certain recommendations with which the State Governments and the universities have to deal. As I said, as far as the Central Government are concerned, we shall do everything that is possible to implement some of the recommendations of the Commission as far as possible. As far as the State Governments are concerned, we are in consultation with the State Governments and the universities in this matter

श्रीमती लक्ष्मी बाई संस्कृत बोर्ड संस्कृत में काम करेगा या अंग्रेजी में? डेवेलपमेंट कैसे हो जायेगा ?

डा० का० बा० श्रीमाली : संस्कृत बोर्ड का काम तो हिन्दी में होना चाहिये मेरे ख्याल से ।

**Shri C. K. Bhattacharya:** May I know whether the Government have accepted the recommendations of the Sanskrit Commission that Sanskrit should be introduced at least for ceremonial occasions?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** All these recommendations are under consideration. I cannot give the details of it.

**Shri Ram Krishna Gupta:** May I know whether the administration of these two Sanskrit universities will be transferred to the Board?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** There is no proposal to transfer these universities to the Board. The universities have been started by the State Government, and they do not come under the jurisdiction of the Board.

**Shri Sonavane:** What is the urgency about the establishment of this Sanskrit Board, and what are the financial implications of the establishment of such a Board?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** The urgency is that the Sanskrit Commission, after having examined this question very carefully, has made that recommendation, and I think it is our duty to propagate and preserve Sanskrit literature and Sanskrit studies which is the repository of our cultural heritage.

Regarding financial implications, we had a provision of nearly Rs. 5 lakhs at our disposal out of which we have already spent some money. It is not a big amount, but we hope to seek the advice of the Board with regard to giving grants to institutions.

Rural Institute in Punjab

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\*1700. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 965 on the

15th December, 1968 and state the progress made so far in starting a rural institute in Punjab?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall):** Approval has been accorded to a rural institute being started by Kasturba Seva Mandir at Rajpura.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know what will be the functions of this rural institute and whether they will be different from similar rural institutes in other States?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** No, Sir. It will be more or less on the same lines as the other rural institutes are functioning. As far as the functions are concerned, I have answered this question several times in this House.

**Mr. Speaker:** In his main question, the hon. Member only asked the hon. Minister, with reference to his earlier question, the progress made in starting this rural institute. Now he goes to the fundamentals and asks what is the object. No, no.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** That will be run by the Kasturba Trust.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is not necessary that every hon. Member must pursue his question by a supplementary. There may be need for the supplementary, there may not be necessity for it.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** I do not hear you.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member put a question as supplementary as to what are the functions of this rural institute. His main question assumes that he knows the functions and only wants to know the progress made.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** You please listen to the whole supplementary put. I asked: are these functions different from the functions of similar institutions in other States, because, I tell you why, in other States the rural institutes are being run by the State, and this institute is going to be run by a voluntary agency. That is why I asked.