

आवनी लिख हो सकते थे और इस परिस्थिति में क्या सरकार इस बात का कोई विचार कर रही है कि इस सम्बन्ध में कोई स्पष्ट नियम बना दिये जाय जिससे इस प्रकार के लोग केवल टेकनिकल साइड में ही लिये जा सकें ?

Shri Datar: The rules are there to a large extent already. Now we are allowing certain persons or graduates to appear only when they do not actually carry on or have qualified for technical side. If there is a general scientific education, then they ought to be allowed

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that a large number of medical men in the Defence are only attending to administrative work?

Mr. Speaker: This is going away from one matter to another

Shri Datar: I have already pointed out that the Medical services will not come under this

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: I will allow opportunity in the other debate

Vigyan Mandirs

1196. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state whether any survey is being carried out to assess the success of Vigyan Mandirs already functioning?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): No special survey is being made, but the progress made by the Vigyan Mandirs is constantly reviewed

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know what amount we spent on these Vigyan Mandirs in 1958 and what is the budget for 1959?

Shri Humayun Kabir: For 1958-59, up to February, 1959, the amount

spent is Rs. 1,65,000. The budget provision for 1959-60 which has been placed before the House is a demand for Rs 19,36,000.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Which are the places where we have got centres and which are the places where we are going to have new centres?

Shri Humayun Kabir: There were, before the beginning of the last financial year, 18 such Vigyan mandirs. At present, there are 21 functioning. We have approved during the current year another 15. It is hoped that by March 1960, there will be about 74 Vigyan mandirs in the country

Mr. Speaker: Is not all this information available in the Administration reports for each Ministry?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Some of it is available, not all.

Mr. Speaker: Let the reports be absolutely complete. Once the reports are issued, hon. Members need not go to ask the Ministers about the details.

Shri Nath Pai: The reports are very superficial. If you look into them, they do not give anything. They are eye-washes very often

Shri Humayun Kabir: They are elaborate, but I could not give what is likely to happen in March 1960.

Mr. Speaker: I would request the hon. Ministers to make the reports as full as possible

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know whether it is a fact that these Vigyan Mandirs are playing the role of recreation clubs and not real Vigyan Mandirs?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The reports we have received are that they have aroused a lot of interest. There are science clubs attached to them and there are lectures given. There may be one or two which are not doing well and the hon. Member's experience may be unhappy. By and large, I am told they are doing good work

Shri Punnoose: May I know what are the considerations for the selec-

tion of these centres and whether the State Governments have anything to do anything with that ?

Shri Humayun Kabir: It is the State Governments which are consulted and they have to provide the building before we start.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : यह विज्ञान के मंदिर कहां कहां पर हैं और इन को स्थापित करने के लिये क्या राज्‍य सरकारों से सिफारिश ली जाती है और उनकी सिफारिश करने पर यह स्थापित होते हैं या केन्द्र सरकार स्वयं इनको स्थापित करती है ?

श्री हुमायून् कबिर : यह सब खबर रिपोर्ट में दी गई है ।

Mr. Speaker: That is what he answered.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Is it not a fact that the Government have realised the necessity of completely reorientating the existing scheme of Vigyan Mandirs and if it is so, what steps have been taken in that direction and what reorientation is proposed to be brought about?

Shri Humayun Kabir: In an experiment like this, there is constant review and constant modification. I do not think there is any complete re-orientation. We have certain activities and these are under consideration. These are given in the report which has been placed before Parliament.

Dr. M. S. Aney: What is the criterion by which we survey and judge the success of these institutions?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The criterions are, we want the location of the site in a popular area, preferably in a N.E.S. or Community Development Block, availability of suitable accommodation with built up area, good communications with the villages around, proximity of teachers' training school or Higher Secondary School or Multi-purpose school, and also proximity to rural bazaars and markets, but away from the cities.

Shri Thirumala Rao: May I submit, Sir, the answer is different? We wanted to know what is the yardstick by which you measure the success of these institutions, what was the purpose for which it was started, how far the purpose is served, etc. The hon. Minister is describing the location and the finances of these Vigyan Mandirs. That is quite different.

Shri Humayun Kabir: I heard the question, what is the criterion for selection. If the question is what is the criterion of success, obviously, I cannot give the reply off-hand. The criterion of success is popular response.

Mr. Speaker: There will be Members of Parliament from these Vigyan Mandirs.

Shri Humayun Kabir: They also visit them.

Re Q. No. 1197.

Mr. Speaker: Next question. Shri Khushwaqt Rai—absent. Shri Braj Raj Singh: Absent.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will you kindly allow this question to be answered because during the last session of Parliament, you gave an assurance that we will get the matter examined by the Public Accounts Committee or the Auditor General.

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow.

Mr. Speaker: The whole House is interested in that question.

Mr. Speaker: The whole House is not interested. They could have given their names and I would have added them.

Shri P. N. Singh: No, no.

Mr. Speaker: I will add 100 names if the House is interested. We have added up to 50 names. Next question.