

Shri Kodiyam: I understand that Government are going to try this Chinese method of cultivation at some selected places. May I know if these places have been selected finally?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, Sir; they have not been selected: This matter was referred to the Rice Committee which met at Cuttack.

Shri Tyagi: What about the Korean method? (*Interruption*).

Mr. Speaker: I cannot go on allowing questions, but evidently it seems to be in the back of the mind of hon. Members that for rice and for every small thing, we are only drawing from other countries and this country is always put up so as to follow the example of some other country and it never gives anything of its own to other countries. I would like to allow as much discussion as possible. That seems to be the motive behind all these questions.

Shri A. P. Jain: The primary field from which we can benefit is inside the country, but, some other countries have also made progress in certain directions and we want to benefit from that. We do not want to copy blindly either from Japan, China or any country in the world.

Mr. Speaker: Some time ago in the crop planning, about 8000 lbs. were produced by some Salem rice agriculturist

Shri Tyagi: I suggest we have a Japanese Minister in the Cabinet. (*Interruptions*)

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Transport Co-operative Societies for the Educated Unemployed

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Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri Osman Ali Khan:
Shri Rami Reddy:
Shri Kodiyam:
Shri Madhusudan Rao:
Shri Anrobbade Ghosal:
Shri Bimal Ghose:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer

to the reply given to Starred Question No. 590 on the 4th December, 1958, and state:

(a) whether the reactions of the State Governments to set up Transport Co-operative Societies for the educated unemployed have since been received;

(b) whether any concrete shape has been given to the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The Governments of West Bengal and Kerala and the Delhi Administration have agreed to set up the societies subject to certain modifications. Details of financial assistance required by them from the Central Government are still awaited. The Governments of Bombay and Madras have not so far communicated their reactions to the scheme.

(b) and (c) The selection and training of the personnel required to run the Co-operative Societies in the three States mentioned above, which is the first phase of the scheme, is expected to start within the next two or three months. Pending their training, other details will be finalised with the State Governments concerned. If no replies are received from the remaining two States by the end of March, the Co-operative Units will be allotted to other States.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know at what place the training centre will be located, how many persons are going to be trained there and of what category?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is for the State Governments to choose the locality for setting up this particular society. The machinery for training, of course, will be evolved in consultation with them.

Shri Osman Ali Khan: May I know whether the Government is aware of the existence of the ex-servicemen transport co-operative society and

whether its working has been found to be satisfactory?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I have not got further information about the ex-servicemen's societies to which the hon Member just now referred. But I will make enquiries as to how they are functioning.

Shri Rami Reddy: The main object, as I understand, is to put more vehicles on the road to provide more employment to the educated unemployed. The other day the hon Railway Minister said that he is facing severe competition from road transport. May I know the reactions of this Ministry to the observation of the Railway Minister?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The object which the Planning Commission had in view in recommending the co-operative societies was two fold—firstly, the employment of educated unemployed and, secondly, the development of road transport. I think there is nothing that runs counter to the objective of the Railway Ministry in that.

Shri Kodiyar: May I know whether Government have any idea as to the number of educated unemployed who might come under the ambit of this scheme?

Shri Raj Bahadur: These co-operative units which we propose to set up are of an experimental nature. They are some sort of pilot schemes and 50 members would be required for each of these units.

Shri Anurobindo Ghosal: May I know whether the respective State Governments have made any survey in regard to the employment potential of these schemes?

Shri Raj Bahadur: As I said just now, as it is, the scheme visualizes a membership of 50 educated unemployed under each one of these societies.

Shri Tangamani: May I know how many pilot schemes have been proposed for Madras State? I would also

like to know how many passenger transport buses will be run by each unit and the help that would be given to each pilot scheme by the Centre.

Shri Raj Bahadur: We have offered one of these co-operative societies to the Government of Madras. We have not received any response from them so far. The offer was made as far back as August 1958. Each unit would be given 10 vehicles.

Shri Dasappa: What is the kind of educated that we expect in order to bring them under this category of educated unemployed?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We have advised that so far as possible they should have matriculates for the membership of the co-operative societies.

Mr Speaker: For drivers?

Shri Raj Bahadur: They will do all types of work, from the work of managers, clerks, store-keepers to that of drivers, mechanics etc.

Mr Speaker: These persons will be workers. They are not going to be the proprietors who will get work done. Is it expected that the matriculates will go as drivers?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The co-operative society will be composed of educated unemployed. They will do the job of manager, clerks, store-keeper, driver and so on.

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*573. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cancelled the assignment given to a British Firm of Architects or Consultants for the construction of the buildings for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi,

(b) what is the total amount paid to the firm, and

(c) the reason for the cancellation of the assignment?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-marker): (a) Yes, Sir