

T.V. Sets for Delhi Schools

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Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri V. Eacharan:
Shri Naval Prabhak:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for installation of television sets in the secondary schools in Delhi has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri A C. Joshi): (a) and (b). The scheme referred to is not simply for setting of television sets in Secondary Schools but envisages full-fledged school programme on television for them. The scheme has now been finalised and action will be taken soon. It will, however, take nearly six months or more to have it implemented.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: What is the approximate requirement for the television sets in Delhi and how far it will be met within six months?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): The scheme as to the requirements of sets etc. is being examined and it is proposed, broadly speaking, to cover all the secondary schools in Delhi.

Shri C. K. Bhattacharya: Has it been ascertained as to whether the installation of television in the schools will help education or retard it: whether it will help the students to concentrate their minds on their studies or it will distract their minds?

Dr. Keskar: The hon. Member has not understood the object of these sets that are being set up. It is to carry on full-fledged educational classes and not to give entertainment programmes for the children. That is the

scheme at present. Probably we would not have pushed this forward but we have received very generous support from the Ford Foundation to push through this scheme. It is probably the first experiment of its kind in Asia.

Maharajkumar Vijaya Anand: May I know whether TV sets will be made in this country and if so by when?

Dr. Keskar: The demand for TV sets must be sufficiently large to enable us to take up the manufacture of sets and the sets that we will put up here will be received by us as grant from the Ford Foundation. If and when a full-fledged television centre is set up and there is demand, this question of taking up the manufacture of sets will arise.

Shri V. Eacharan: What are the subjects proposed to be taught through this scheme?

Dr. Keskar: This will be decided in collaboration with the Delhi State Education Authorities. It will be part of the curriculum of the Delhi State Educational Board.

Shri Tyagi: I am glad that the scheme has come. Will it be possible for the hon. Minister to arrange the sets in such a manner that the new schools may be opened in open air? If any responsible person takes over the responsibility for the sets, he can hold the classes and thereby hold the new schools?

Mr. Speaker: These are all details.

Shri Tyagi: There was a proposal to create an Air University. I wanted to know if it is in line with the same scheme.

Mr. Speaker: Is it proposed to have only television sets and no teachers and have a university of that kind?

Dr. Keskar: The object here is that it is not always possible to get qualified and first-class teachers for certain subjects. Secondly teaching of

certain subjects is done better and more effectively by audio-visual means. For both these purposes, it is proposed to have these regular classes for the regular curriculum subjects in the Delhi secondary schools—not all the subjects, but some of the subjects. Probably, the programme will be for not less than 2-3 hours.

Shri C. D. Pande: In view of the fact that the effects of television in U.K. and U.S.A. had been very harmful to the young people, why are the Government insisting on having television when there are so many other things to be done?

Dr. Keskar: Television is a medium, and the question of whether we put it to good use or bad use depends upon us. As I said, this is not what is known as the ordinary television programme, this will be for regular classes and no question of the children being spoiled by it arises.

श्री प्रकाश वीर शास्त्री : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि योजना को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए कितनी धनराशि नियत की गई है ?

श्री आ० च० जोशी : इसमें फोर्ड फाउंडेशन की ओर से २२,५५,६२० रुपये दिया गया है और ४,२६,०२० रुपये आल इंडिया रेडियो की तरफ से नियत किया गया है ।

डा० केशकर : मैं बतलाना चाहता हूँ कि चार लाख रुपये जो हमारी तरफ से खर्च होगा, वह चार साल में खर्च होगा ।

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know whether television sets will be provided to all Government primary and secondary schools and even the schools aided by Government? Secondly, may I also know whether Government will provide these sets to government colleges?

Shri A. C. Joshi: This is meant for secondary schools only.

Shri Yadav Narayan Jadhav: May I know whether this scheme will be

extended to all the prominent cities of India?

Dr. Keskar: This is an experiment in education, probably a very interesting one. If and when it succeeds, the question can be considered.

Rehabilitation of Tibetan Refugees

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(a) whether the Dalai Lama has offered some money for the rehabilitation of Tibetan refugees in India out of his treasures which came to Calcutta from Sikkim; and

(b) if so, whether he had any correspondence with the Dalai Lama to this effect?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) As far as we know, the Dalai Lama has distributed over Rs. 50,000 among Tibetan refugees in India. He has also offered Rs. 50,000 towards the establishment of a school for Tibetan children.

(b) No Sir.

Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: May I know whether Government have been able to assess the actual amount of the treasures which is now in the name of Dalai Lama; if so, may I know how much of these treasures has been sold out and how much money he has drawn from this amount?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): No, Sir, we have not got exact figures, but speaking from memory, the amount that came to him is somewhere between Rs. 80 lakhs and Rs. 1 crore. Much of it I understand is invested.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know the amount which is spent monthly on the rehabilitation of Tibetan refugees by the Central Government?