

Women Teachers

*480. **Shri Kodiyar:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) what further steps Government propose to take to increase the number of trained women teachers at the elementary stage during the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is possible to meet fully the requirements of trained women teachers in the country by the end of the Third Five Year Plan; and

(c) what provision has been made for this in the Third Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) Apart from the normal increase of Women Teachers at the Elementary stage, which is expected to be stepped up in the expansion of educational facilities in the Third Plan, the Government have proposed taking up of certain special measures for increasing the number of women teachers which include—

- (i) Opening of new training institutions for women;
- (ii) Attaching of training sections to girls' secondary schools;
- (iii) Reservation of seats for women in co-educational training institutions;
- (iv) Giving financial assistance to girls from rural areas to go in for training;
- (v) Pre-selection of trainees at the secondary stage; and
- (vi) Organisation of condensed courses for adult women.

(b) Shortages of women teachers will still be felt to some extent, especially in rural areas and in the less advanced States. But it is hoped that the situation will improve materially during the Third Plan.

(c) The final provisions made by the State Governments in the State Plans are not known as yet, and information is awaited from the State Government.

Shri Kodiyar: In answer to part (b) of the question, it is stated that shortages of women teachers will still be felt to some extent, especially in rural areas and in the less advanced States. May I know, in view of the fact that there is to some extent reluctance on the part of teachers to go and serve in the rural areas, what incentive Government propose to provide for them to go to the rural areas and also whether the qualified teachers available in advanced States will be appointed to serve in the less advanced States?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: As regards the first part of the question. I would refer the hon. Member to part (a) of the answer which states the special measures which the Government propose to take in the Third Five Year Plan. As far as the second part of his question is concerned—I think he has asked whether the teachers from the advanced States could go to the less advanced States—it is always open to the Government, and if they are in demand and if the teachers are available, certainly they are free to go to other places.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know what is the number of trained women teachers in the country at the elementary stage and what number will be required to fulfil the requirements of the Plan?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: At present, if we look at the 1957-58 educational statistics regarding elementary, middle and secondary schools, we find that in the primary schools, out of 7.26 lakhs teachers, only 1.27 lakhs were women; in the middle schools, out of two lakh teachers, only 37,000 were women; and in the secondary schools, out of 2.20 lakhs of teachers only 43,000 were women. The House

will realise that there is a big gap between the two.

Shri Joachim Alva: Trained women teachers of elementary schools being nation builders, is there a dynamic unit in the Ministry of Education for looking after this work and are the women members of this unit touring the country?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: We have a very dynamic Chairman—the Chairman of the National Council of Women—Mrs. Durgabai Deshmukh, and she has been touring quite a good deal in the country.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: In answer to the third part of the question, the Minister has said that they do not know what the State Governments' provisions are and that therefore he cannot make a firm statement about it, or given even an approximate estimate. I want to ask him one question: considering the fact that the third Plan is almost finalised and obviously discussions must have been held with all the State Governments, surely the Education Ministry must have some ideas as to the amounts and the number of teachers that the State Governments intend to train and the number of women teachers also.

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: Regarding this question I may say that when the Plan was finalised after discussions with the State Governments, a provision of Rs. 11 crores was made for these schemes. But we have still to find out from the State Governments how much allocation they have made in their sectors out of this amount which was allocated.

श्रीमती जॉयसेन शाह : क्या यह बात सही है कि प्रान्त इंडिया बीमेन्स कॉमिश्न ने जो मिफारिणों की हैं उन में से ६० परसेन्ट काट दी गई हैं ?

डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली : यह बात ठीक नहीं है कि ६० परसेन्ट काट दी गई हैं ।

कुछ जरूर काटी गई है, लेकिन ६० परसेन्ट नहीं ।

श्रीमती जॉयसेन शाह : क्या यह बात सही है कि उन्होंने ने १०० करोड़ रु० की मांग की थी थर्ड फाइव इयर् प्लैन में, पर उस के बजाय सिर्फ १७ करोड़ रु० देने की ही गुंजाइश है ?

डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली : जैसा मैं ने बतलाया कि एलिमेंटरी स्टेज के लिए ११ करोड़ रु० रक्खा गया था । अब देखना है कि एक्ज्यूसिवी स्टेट्स ने अपने अपने सेक्टर में क्या रक्खा है ।

Dr. Sushila Nayar: One of the obstacles in the way of women teachers going to the rural areas is the difficulty of housing, and that difficulty has been felt by everybody. I want to know what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to overcome the housing difficulty for women teachers in the rural areas.

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: In the second Five Year Plan, the Government of India gave special assistance for putting up women's quarters and a number of States took advantage of that, and I expect the same thing would continue in the third Plan also.

Shri Kodliyan: May I know what provision has been made for women teachers in the Union territories?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: I am afraid I do not have the information with regard to the Union territories. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I would supply the information.

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*481. **Shri Supakar:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred Question No. 756 on the 7th December, 1960 and state: