

the State Governments to allow them to go from one place to another and also to give facilities. There are suitable occasions to raise this matter.

Shri Nagi Reddy: It is the Central Government that can take action in this regard.

Mr. Speaker: On a single question I cannot allow a half-hour or one hour discussion now.

Shri B. S. Murthy: We want a half-hour discussion.

Mr. Speaker: Let us see in proper course.

National Plan Day

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*1501. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Shri Sanganna:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance is proposed to be given to the Universities in India to celebrate the 13th September, 1957 as the National Plan Day; and

(b) the amount of money spent by Government on the Planning Forums so far?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) The field Publicity Officers of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the Universities, the State Governments and other authorities have been requested to render all possible assistance to the University Planning Forums for celebrating in a fitting manner the National Plan Day on September 13, 1957.

(b) There is, as yet, no expenditure incurred on Planning Forums, as such, but the Planning Commission have so far incurred an expenditure of Rs. 64,866.95 on conferences and meetings convened by them of representatives of Planning Forums. In addition, the Ministry of Informa-

tion and Broadcasting has given financial assistance amounting in all to Rs. 2680/- to three Planning Forums for organising seminars on the Five Year Plan.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: To what extent has the establishment of Planning forums in our educational institutions throughout the country succeeded in enlisting the co-operation of students and teachers in the successful execution of the Plan?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I do not know how the hon. Member measures and weighs these things, but there can be no doubt that the establishment of these Planning forums in Universities among teachers and students has been of the greatest advantage to everybody concerned, that is to say, their understanding and making it a two-way traffic. They are making suggestions; that is most important, and I have no doubt it is doing a great deal of good.

Shri Banga: Are these forums supplied with necessary literature?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Oh, yes; they are supplied with all the literature.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the number of Universities in which such forums have been established?

Shri L. N. Mishra: All the Universities have been covered. In 1955, we had 170, and today the number is 255.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: What part of the population has been approached by these students' forums and planning forums?

Shri L. N. Mishra: These forums are located in Universities and colleges. Sections of students interested in economics and planning subjects do take part in it. Perhaps the hon. Member might have heard of these forums. These boys have done very many constructive works

and also participated in the small savings drive and collected the sum of Rs. 32,000. They have also worked on road construction etc.

Shri Sanganna: May I put a question?

Mr. Speaker: I looked at the hon. Member. He was not getting up.

Shri Sanganna: I was getting up.

Mr. Speaker: He did not get up. Anyway, he may ask the question.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether the subject of Planning has been included in the syllabuses of the different Universities?

Shri L. N. Mishra: I would require notice.

N.E.S. and Community Development Blocks in Manipur

*1503. **Shri L. Achaw Singh:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether any evaluation officer has been appointed to examine the progress of development works in National Extension Service Blocks and Community Projects in Manipur;

(b) if so, whether he has submitted any report; and

(c) whether his office is still functioning in Manipur?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): Parts (a) to (c). An Evaluation Officer was posted to Manipur on the 5th December, 1955 and he worked there till the 25th October, 1956 when he had to leave the Organisation on transfer elsewhere. During this period he submitted a report on the working of a National Extension Service Block. The Evaluation work in Manipur is now being done under the supervision of the Evaluation Officer, Sihar (Assam). A separate officer for Manipur is being appointed through the U.P.S.C.

Shri Rungsung Suisa: May I know how many N.E.S. Blocks there were in the hills and plains of the State of Manipur? Whether the various places in the hills and the plains have been covered in the first Five Year Plan and what is the progress of these Blocks in the first Five Year Plan?

Mr. Speaker: How many questions in one? Hon. Members will make their questions short and also ask only one question at a time. What is the question?

Shri Rungsung Suisa: In Manipur, in the First Five Year Plan there has been failure in the case of N.E.S. Blocks and I want to know the progress thereof and the causes for the failure and what steps Government have taken to overcome that?

Mr. Speaker: I have not been able to follow the question at all.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: How many N.E.S. Blocks there were in the First Year Plan and how many have failed?

Shri L. N. Mishra: No Blocks failed; so far as Manipur is concerned, I do not know how many there are.

Shri Thimmaiah: May I know whether evaluation work has been done in respect of these Blocks in the whole of the country?

Shri L. N. Mishra: There are 21 Blocks one in each State and evaluation has been done in each of the centres.

Second Five Year Plan

*1504. **Shri Tyabji:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out a new edition of the Second Five Year Plan re-arranging the figures in the Plan for the States as framed after their reorganisation; and

(b) if not, how Government propose to make the evaluation and progress reports, which will be Statewise, comparable with the targets given in the Plan?