

and distribute them. May I know whether there is any scheme for the Central Education Bureau to subsidize such translation work and distribution work?

Shri Karmarkar: If this House provides me with sufficient finance and the Finance Ministry is also amenable, we shall be prepared to all this. For that we must have as great financial resources as is possible, but our present finances do not permit us to go so far.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: There was a proposal to have Health Education Boards for the States also. May I know if the State Health Education Boards have come into existence and, if so, in how many States and to what extent they have been successful?

Shri Karmarkar: Ours is a Health Education Bureau, and I fancy every State has its own agency for health and literature dissemination. About the Health Education Boards as such I should like to have notice.

Community Development and N.E.S. Blocks

*1533. **Raja Mahendra Pratap:** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on the establishment employed in the Block Headquarters of the Community Projects/Development Blocks and the National Extension Service Blocks during the past two years by the Central Government; and

(b) the expenditure incurred so far on the equipment and material procured under T.C.A. programme out of the Dollar funds?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) Rs. 5.37 crores approximately.

(b) Rs. 4.21 crores upto March, 1957.

Raja Mahendra Pratap: I just want to know exactly how much expenditure is met by Dollar funds. The hon.

Minister has not answered that question.

Shri S. K. Dey: Rs. 4.21 crores.

Shri Jangde: May I know what is the percentage of the cost borne in establishment out of the total cost that is incurred in Community Development and National Extension Service Blocks?

Shri S. K. Dey: Till 31st March, 1957, the expenditure on staff is about 20 per cent. of the total expenditure incurred in the programme since the beginning.

Shri Raghunath Sahai: Are there any members of the staff at the block headquarters who are not paid out of the Community Development grants and, if so, how many are there?

Shri S. K. Dey: I am not aware of any staff at the block headquarters not borne by the Community Development Fund, except an Industries Extension Officer who is now being newly posted.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha.

Raja Mahendra Pratap: I want to know whether we are.....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Hon. Member will kindly hear what I say. He does not abide by rule; what can I do? Hon. Member must kindly look at me and put the question, or take note of what is happening in the House.

Raja Mahendra Pratap: I just want to know.....

Mr. Speaker: I have called Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha. I shall call him later.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: Just now the hon. Minister said that 20 per cent. of the entire expenditure is for staff. May I know whether this includes the cost of building structures meant for the staff?

Shri S. K. Dey: It does not include the cost of building structure.

Raja Mahendra Pratap: Are we under any obligation to the United States for their giving this money to our country?

Shri S. K. Dey: There is no obligation that I know of, except that we are very grateful for the help.

Community Development and N.E.S. Blocks

*1534. **Shri Venkatasubbalah:** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether greater emphasis is being put on food production in the National Extension Service and Community Development Blocks; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this direction?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All steps required to increase the food production, viz., use of improved seeds, fertilizers, green manuring and other organic manures, irrigation, soil conservation, plant protection etc. form part of the block agricultural plan. Besides these measures about 50 farm leaders drawn from the the villages in each V.L.W.'s circle will be trained to take upon themselves the task of popularizing improved agriculture practices amongst other farmers in their villages. Krishi Pandits are associated with the Block Advisory Committee to give a fillip to agricultural production.

Shri Venkatasubbalah: In view of the fact that in Andhra in the N.E.S. and Community Development areas there are thousands of breached tanks and if they are renovated more land can be brought under irrigation, may I know whether the Government propose to allocate funds in that direction?

Shri S. K. Dey: The State Government of Andhra has been advised to

utilise the fund under irrigation for renovation of Government tanks.

Shri Venkatasubbalah: I am asking about it in relation to the Community Projects so as to increase the food production.

Mr. Speaker: Then, why did not the hon. Member put the question specifically? What I want of the hon. Member is this. Generally, when their object is to have a particular information regarding their own State and to point out that the Central Government should give them sufficient money and all that, they must put the question specifically. This is an all-India question.

I would also request the hon. Ministers to say hereafter, instead of repeating what is contained in the books, "refer to such and such a book."

Shri Balakrishnan: Will the Government consider the conversion of all waste lands which lie throughout the country in plenty?

Shri S. K. Dey: The Community Development Programme visualises the reclamation of whatever wasteland is within the Community Development areas and to the extent possible it is being done.

Mr. Speaker: I must say that if any hon. Member wants particularly a point with respect to his State, then, he may take it up and put the question specifically. The general points are there and the literature is there in the Library.

Shri Venkatasubbalah: It relates to the Community Development Blocks and the Community Projects.

Mr. Speaker: There is plenty of literature available regarding the function of the Community Blocks, Krishi Pandits, how many have been appointed, etc. All that is available in the Library. The hon. Members want one thing and put another question.