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The House met at Two of the Clock

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Per Capita INCOME

***395 Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state what is the *per capita* income in India in the year 1951-52 State-wise?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): Estimates of *per capita* income in India in the year 1951-52 are not yet available. State-wise estimates are not being attempted on account of technical difficulties.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: May I know how is this *per capita* income arrived at?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: It is a matter of detail, Sir, but I think generally it is arrived at by computing incomes from various sources and dividing it by the number of population.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: What is the latest figure of *per capita* income that you have got ready?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: In fact the *per capita* figure for 1948-49 is Rs. 255.

Shri V. P. Nayar: The hon. Minister said that there are some difficulties. May I know the precise nature of such difficulties which prevent the collection of these details.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The difficulties are many but the most important of them is that when a 'national' furnishes factors for production abroad or when factors for production owned by foreigners are utilized in production within the country, the net inflow or 'outflow' of income resulting from this is taken in the account of

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balance of payments statistics, but in case of different States this figure is not available and cannot be available.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether any attempt is being made to arrive at the national income after 1948-49?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): An attempt is being made to finalize the figure for 1949-50.

बाबू रामनारायण सिंह : व्यक्तिगत औसत आमदनी निकालने के लिए गवर्नमेंट हर साल चेष्टा करती है या नहीं ?

श्री बी० आर० भगत : अभी जो चेष्टा हो रही है वह १९४९-५० की साल के लिए हो रही है ।

U. N. E. S. C. O. SEMINAR ON STATUS OF WOMEN

***396. Shrimati Reau Chakravartty:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether the Seminar on the status of women called by the U.N.E.S.C.O. was held?

(b) Who attended the Conference from other countries?

(c) Who constituted the Indian Delegation?

(d) What were the recommendations of the Seminar?

(e) What steps are being taken by Government to implement them?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes.

(b) The following delegates attended from other countries:—

Burma:

(1) Daw Pwa Hmee.

- (2) Daw Than Than Nwai.
- (3) Daw Kla Kyi.
- (4) Daw Than Than.
- (5) Daw Mya Mya Hmaw.

Indonesia:

- (1) Mrs. S. Kartowijono.
- (2) Mrs. E. Puradiredja.
- (3) Mrs. Memet Tanumidjaja.
- (4) Miss H. Tumbelaka Johanna Maria.
- (5) Miss Soeitinah.

Laos:

- (1) Mon. Tay Keoulouanghakhot.
- (2) Mon. Quinim Pholsena.

Pakistan:

- (1) Begum Khudeja G. A. Khan.
- (2) Mrs. Akhtar Imam.

Thailand:

- (1) Miss Sermsri Kasemsri.
- (c) The following constituted the Indian Delegation:—
 - (1) Mrs. Hannah Sen.
 - (2) Begum Hamid Ali.
 - (3) Mrs. Mona Hensman.
 - (4) Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya.
 - (5) Mrs. Leela Roy.
- (d) The Seminar made no recommendations, it being purely an exploratory Conference.
- (e) Does not arise.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know on what basis were these delegates invited to the conference? Were they the delegates of Governments or were they representatives of certain organisations?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Various women's and social science organisations were invited to send a panel of names to the Government and out of these panels a number of representatives were selected by the Minister for Education.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know who were the organizations approached in India for sending delegates.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There are several.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: Among them, were any representatives called for from working class women or from amongst the peasants' women's organisations?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am not aware of any such organisation.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know what was the aim of this Seminar?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The aim of this Seminar was to make a sociological study of the problems involved in the admission of women to the exercise of political rights.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know, since this conference was an exploratory one as has been said in the statement what were the factors that were explored which led to the conclusion that though women everywhere evinced considerable interest in political activities, the extent to which they actually participated varied?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: As the hon. Member has said, this conference was of an exploratory nature. Certain subjects were discussed in this conference, such as the social and cultural factors, religion, family, caste, etc., the position of women in different social stratifications and occupations, of the political rights of women, the legal position and political rights, women's movements, and a survey of the role of women in the elections in some countries of the region. All these subjects were discussed and no decisions were taken. Only a certain procedure and subject have been agreed upon, and based on these procedure and subjects further discussions will take place at a suitable time.

Several Hon. Members: rose—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I am not going to spend a whole hour on this single question. Next question.

OFFICERS DEPUTED OVERSEAS

***397. Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** (a) Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state how many officers of his Ministry, other than the Secretary, were deputed overseas during the year 1952?

(b) What was the purpose of the visit of each of them and to which countries did each go?

(c) How far was their commission successful?

(d) What was the expenditure incurred on each?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Three.