

Shri Satish Chandra: Out of the total value of Rs. 21 lakhs and odd, orders worth Rs. 2,61,000 on trial demand materialised during this year. They were tested and most of them found satisfactory. The rest are being tested. This is a very recent thing. It pertains to the current financial year.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Could the hon. Deputy Minister give us an idea of the proportion of the value of imported stores purchased during 1953-54 to the total value of stores purchased during that period?

Shri Satish Chandra: I require notice for that. That statement has been laid on the Table several times.

ECONOMY IN EXPENDITURE

*1256. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the total economy effected to-date in the expenditure of the Central Government, by implementing the recommendations of the Estimates Committee?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri M. C. Shah): Approximately about rupees fifty-one lakhs (Rs. 43.3 lakhs recurring and Rs. 7.81 lakhs non-recurring) by implementing the recommendations of the first four out of six reports of the Estimates Committee. Further information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know the Departments where these economies have been effected?

Shri M. C. Shah: About ten recommendations of the Estimates Committee in its first four reports have been accepted. Shall I read out all these ten recommendations?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He only wants to know the Ministries or Department where these economies have been effected.

Shri M. C. Shah: The following are the Departments or Ministries:

The Ministry of Industry and Supply. (Now, it is not there; it is now the Commerce and Industry Ministry.)

The Works, Housing and Supply Ministry

The Directorate-General of Supply and Disposals.

The Department of Printing and Stationery.

The Estate Office.

The Assistant Director of Exhibitions, Commerce and Industry Ministry.

The Office of the Controller of Imports and Exports.

The amalgamation of the functions of the trade representatives, Commerce and Industry Ministry.

Then there are two other reports. One concerns the Irrigation and Power Ministry and is being looked into.

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सचिवालय और मंत्रालय में, ऐस्टिमेट्स कमेटी के अलावा बचत की बातों का सुझाव करने के लिये कोई जांच पड़ताल करने की व्यवस्था है ? और अगर है तो क्या काम हो रहा है ?

Shri M. C. Shah: The first four reports of the Estimates Committee were processed by the Finance Ministry. The fifth one is being processed by the Irrigation and Power Ministry. The sixth report was only submitted in November 1953. Again, there is an Economy Unit in the Ministry of Finance which is looking into all the Ministries in order to economise the expenditure.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know in which of these departments the economy was the largest?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I cannot allow the whole question hour to be taken up by details read out by the Minister.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know the total expenditure incurred in the Estimates Committee for the purpose of each report?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Is it the total economy recommended by the Estimates Committee? (*Interruptions*). If four or five speak simultaneously, I cannot hear. Why should there be any interpretation? Let the hon. Member put his question.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: I want to know the total expenditure incurred over the meetings of these Committees by the Central Government.

Shri M. C. Shah: That concerns the Parliament Secretariat. That information cannot be supplied by the Finance Ministry.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether there is any department which has disagreed with the recommendations of the Estimates Committee and, if so, for what reasons?

Shri M. C. Shah: We have processed all the actions taken on the recommendations of the Estimates Committee and those papers have been laid on the Table of the House from time to time.

Shri T. N. Singh: May I know what are the recommendations of the Estimates Committee for economy which have not been accepted?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Minister has said that whenever particular recommendations have been accepted, they have always been laid on the Table. It will require a lot of time and he may not have the list. If a question is put down, I am sure he will reply.

Shri Morarka: May I know whether the Estimates Committee has made any recommendation about the National Sample Survey and whether any action has been taken on that?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Generally we go into details; how can the Minister be expected to know all the details?

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

*1257. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any lessening and curtailment in respect of agency functions performed by the Commonwealth Relations Office of the Government of United Kingdom on behalf of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the extent and nature of the same; and

(c) the amounts assessed and paid during 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri M. C. Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With the exception of the work connected with the management of sterling debt and Railway annuities and payment of military pensions which still remain with the Commonwealth Relations Office, all the other items of agency work have now been finally taken over from that office by the High Commission for India in London.

(c) The amounts assessed and paid are:

	Assessed	Paid
1951-52	£ 103,000	£ 102,000
1952-53	£ 87,000	£ 90,000
1953-54	£ 78,500	[Not yet paid Payment will be restricted to budget grant viz. £ 76,500]

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether, as a result of the transfer of these functions, there has been any expansion in the strength of the staff in the High Commissioner's Office, and if so, the amount of expenditure involved?

Shri M. C. Shah: So far as information goes, there is no substantial expansion, but I have not got the figure of excess expenditure incurred on this account.