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*The House met at a Quarter Past Eight  
of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER FORD

FOUNDATION ASSISTANCE

\*122. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay on the Table a statement showing:

(a) the work actually being done under the Ford Foundation Assistance in connection with what is called "Intensive Rural Development Programme";

(b) the location of five training centres under the scheme with description of kind of training;

(c) the fifteen intensive development projects with description, cost, and time of implementation; and

(d) the funds allocated to the training centres and the projects or their estimates?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 33]

FORD FOUNDATION SCHEME

\*135. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many training and extension projects have been set up under the agreement made between the Ford Foundation and the Government of India;

(b) where these projects have been located; and

(c) whether trainees have been selected?

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**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) Two training-cum-development and three development projects have been recently opened out of 13 so far sanctioned.

(b) *Training-cum-development projects—*

1. Agricultural Institute, Anand, Bombay.
2. Visveswaraya Canal Farm, Mysore.

*Development Projects—*

1. Kukatpalli (5-6 miles from Hyderabad City).
2. Bhandson, Tahsil Nabha, PEPSU.
3. Rangia in Kamrup District, Assam.

(c) The States are proceeding with the selection of trainees.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know, Sir, on whose initiative the scheme has been launched and what is the financial assistance which India gets from foreign countries?

**Shri Kidwai:** The total cost of this project is Rs. 1,19,000—Rs. 56,000 capital and Rs. 63,000 recurring expenditure. As is evident, the initial cost of the first two years will be met by the Ford Foundation.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know, Sir, if before the launching of the scheme for the benefit of the rural population, some experts of Indian rural life were consulted?

**Shri Kidwai:** They are consulted at every stage.

**Shri S. N. Das:** What is the minimum qualification expected of a candidate selected for training at these centres?

**Shri Kidwai:** These trainees are in the employ of the State Governments and each State Government will lay down its own qualifications.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know whether instructors for these training centres have already been appointed?

**Shri Kidwai:** Not yet. All that will be done by the State Governments.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know by what time these trainees will be in a position to give education to the rural areas actually?

**Shri Kidwai:** As I have said, the centres have been selected and the trainees have been chosen by the State Governments. It will depend upon the nature of work that each State wants to have from its employees.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Is it not a fact that five centres are already running and persons are receiving training?

**Shri Kidwai:** Five centres have been selected and candidates are being selected by the State Governments.

**Shri S. N. Das:** What is the basis on which these centres have been selected?

**Shri Kidwai:** The centres have been selected on the recommendation of the State Governments.

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Will the Government kindly let us know the names of some of the Indian experts who have been consulted in connection with this scheme?

**Shri Kidwai:** I will require notice of that question.

**Shri A. C. Guha:** May I know the distinguishing features of these development projects from the community projects?

**Shri Kidwai:** This is for development of agriculture and training will be given in intensive development of agriculture, and introduction of new methods which experience in other countries and some parts of India have proved to be successful.

**Shri N. K. Naidu:** Is it proposed to locate any of these five centres in Andhra, where instruction may be given in the regional language?

**Shri Kidwai:** The statement gives the location of the five centres.

**Josab Amjad Ali:** Will Government enlighten us as to the nature of the superintendence which the Centre will have over the State Governments regarding the execution of this plan?

**Shri Kidwai:** There will be a committee which will send its men to

each centre to see whether the training that is given is according to the plan.

#### NON-DEPARTMENTAL ANCHAL MASTERS

\*123. **Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Non-Departmental Anchal Masters of the Travancore-Cochin State were placed on the same footing as the Post Masters when the integration took place with regard to salary and allowances; and

(b) what are the salary and allowances paid to the Non-Departmental Anchal Masters who are now Branch Office Post Masters?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) No, they were placed on the same footing as extra-departmental branch postmasters, to whom they correspond.

(b) They are allowed the same emoluments as extra-departmental branch Postmasters, but have been given the option to continue on the ex-State emoluments.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know whether this order has been brought into effect and they are drawing the salary sanctioned by the order?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** Orders have been issued.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know whether the orders have been given effect to?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** That information I have not got with me.

Orders have been issued and there will be no difficulty in their drawing the salary sanctioned.

#### EASTERN ZONE (RAILWAYS)

\*124. **Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the regrouping of the Railways of the Eastern Zone has been carried out or not;

(b) how far the Government have met the demands put forth by various interests against the regrouping of E. L. Railways; and

(c) where the new Headquarter of the Eastern Zone is situated?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) Yes.