

and Broadcasting. This was, however, not accepted as it was thought that the requirements of External Publicity were different from those of internal publicity and required constant touch with the Ministry of External Affairs.

This is still the view of Government, though the question of improving External Publicity as well as economising on it and bringing about the closest co-ordination with the Press Information Bureau is constantly being examined.

Shri Morarka: May I know what is the total amount spent by us, on external publicity?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: I require notice.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): It is given in the figures supplied in the Budget papers.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: May I know if Government are considering integrating external publicity with the Indian Foreign Service?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Integrating publicity with service—I do not understand.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: There is the External Publicity section in the External Affairs Ministry. There was, I understand, a proposal to integrate the Department of External Publicity with the Department of the Indian Foreign Service in the External Affairs Ministry.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not understand this question at all. If he means that it is part of the work of External Affairs, it is one thing. But the Department of Foreign Service deals with service matters. So I just do not understand what the hon. Member means.

ASSISTANCE TO NEPAL

*1430. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of assistance, technical and financial, given by India to

Nepal so far for its economic development; and

(b) what other countries are assisted by India in similar manner?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (b). The Government of India have agreed in principle to extend financial and technical assistance for some development projects in Nepal. The cost of these projects, according to present estimates, is nearly rupees eight crores, out of which a sum of Rs. 2.31 crores has already been spent. The major items of expenditure are the Tribhuvan Rajpath, survey and mapping, minor irrigation works, repairs to airfield, scholarships, equipment for a 500-bed hospital and Technical Aid Mission.

The other countries included in the Technical Aid Scheme of the Colombo Plan are countries of South and South-East Asia, among them being Ceylon, Burma, Pakistan, Cambodia and Malaya. The technical assistance given to these countries under the Colombo Plan constitutes training facilities provided to the nominees of these countries in India and Indian experts assigned to them.

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know whether the Government of Indonesia has asked for some assistance? If so, what is the nature of that assistance?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: We have no information.

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know whether the Government of India have agreed to construct a road up to Kathmandu.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): This is the Tribhuvan Rajpath.

श्री बिमल मिश्र : अब तक नेपाल में और खास कर तराई के इलाके में सरकार ने कितनी अस्पताल खोले हैं ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : किस सरकार ने ?

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : भारत सरकार ने नेपाल सरकार को जो मदद दी है उस से कितने अस्पताल खोले गये हैं ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : मुझे तो यह भी नहीं मालूम कि उन्होंने कोई अस्पताल खोले भी हैं या नहीं, हो सकता है कि उन्होंने खोले हों, लेकिन मुझे इल्म नहीं है ।

श्री सावत अली खां : मैं ने कहा था कि ५०० बेड्स का अस्पताल खोलने की एक तजवीज है ।

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : ५०० बेड्स का सामान भेजा गया है । इस के माने यह नहीं है कि एक अस्पताल खुले या दो, तीन । सामान इतना भेजा गया है ।

CENTRAL HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

*1431. **Shri Bibhutā Mishra:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a Central Housing and Finance Corporation; and

(b) if so, when?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). No such proposal is under the consideration of Government at present.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know if any Development Corporation or body for the development of houses in the city of Delhi, other than the Delhi Improvement Trust, is contemplated?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The Delhi Improvement Trust is not a body only for the development of houses. But that is one of its functions. Its functions are much wider. There is a scheme under consideration for having a Delhi Development Authority. As to what shape it is likely to take, what is going to be the administrative set-up or whether any change is to take place, it is yet too early to make any firm commitment.

श्री एस० एल० द्विवेदी : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि वर्क्स, हाउसिंग एंड सप्लाय मिनिस्ट्री के जरिये हाउसिंग की जो स्कीम चलाई जा रही है, रूरल हाउसिंग और अरबन हाउसिंग के लिये, उस के लिये अगर कारपोरेशन नहीं खोला जा रहा है तो किस तरह से उस का हिसाब रखा जायेगा क्योंकि उस में बहुत तरह की बातें हैं ?

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : केन्द्रीय सरकार ने राज्य सरकारों को रुपया दिया है और वह आगे मकान बनाने के लिये कर्जा देगी । राज्य सरकारों से पूछा गया है कि वह स्टेट लेवल पर इस किस्म के हाउसिंग फाइनेंस कारपोरेशन बनाना चाहती हैं या नहीं । उन का जवाब आने पर फिर इस बात पर सोचा जायेगा ।

CORRUPTION CASES

*1432. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the number of corruption cases detected in the Organisations of his Ministry (like the C.P.W.D.) during 1954; and

(b) the amount involved in each case and how the offenders have been dealt with?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). A statement containing the required information is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 42.]

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if Government have any internal machinery for detecting such cases; if not, how did these cases come to the notice of the Ministry?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I think that the arrangements for supervision that are an integral part of Government machinery include looking into these matters. But it is difficult for me to say as to what was the exact source of information which resulted in the detection of these cases.