

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar : May I know what punishment was given to the staff responsible for the loss of these documents?

Sardar Majithia : I have already stated that the question as to what punishment is to be given is still under consideration.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar : Is it not a matter where quick action is necessary?

Mr. Speaker : I am going to the next question.

National Sample Survey

*277. **Shri Eswara Reddi :** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether any employment survey was recently undertaken in Andhra under the National Sample Survey;

(b) whether the survey has been completed; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat) :

(a) Attention of the hon. Member is invited to the reply given to Starred Question No. 149 in the Lok Sabha on 24.2.1955. As stated therein, the survey of the extent of employment in India has been integrated with the Ninth Round of the National Sample Survey which commenced by the middle of May, 1955. This survey covers the whole of the Indian Union and thus Andhra will be automatically included in the coverage.

(b) The field work in connection with the survey is expected to be completed by October, 1955.

(c) Since the survey is still in progress, the results are not yet available.

Shri Eswara Reddi : May I know whether the survey is being conducted in rural areas also?

Shri B. R. Bhagat : Yes Sir.

Shri Nanadas : May I know whether this survey is a comprehensive one covering industrial labour, agricultural labour, educated and uneducated?

Shri B. R. Bhagat : In the Ninth Round the scope of the survey has been extended so as to include the collection of statistical data on employment, unemployment, intensive study of small-scale industries, and other vital statistics. I cannot say definitely, but I think these vital statistics may include the information which the hon. member has in mind.

Shri Nanadas : Pending a decision, may I know what steps Government have taken to relieve the serious unem-

ployment problem, especially among the weavers and ex-toddy tappers in Andhra State?

Mr. Speaker : I think the question is something different from what is here.

हिन्दी पाठ्य पुस्तक (रीडर)

*२८०. **श्री नवल प्रभाकर :** क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अहिन्दी भाषा-भाषी व्यक्तियों के लिये एक हिन्दी पाठ्य पुस्तक तैयार करने का विचार है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो यह पाठ्य पुस्तक कब तक तैयार हो जायेगी ?

शिक्षा मंत्री के सभासद्विष (डा० एम० एम० दास) : (क) हाँ, जी।

(ख) चूंकि पाठ्य पुस्तक तैयार करने का वास्तविक कार्य अभी तक हाथ में नहीं लिया गया है इसलिये कोई तिथि नहीं दी जा सकती।

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस रीडर को तैयार करने का कार्य किस को सौंपा जायेगा ?

Dr. M. M. Das : At present Government has decided to select two thousand basic Hindi words which will be used uniformly in these primers. After the selection of these two thousand basic Hindi words, the actual work of preparation of these primers will be taken up.

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जिन शब्दों को चेंज किया जा रहा है उसमें और यह जो साधारण रीडर है उसमें क्या फर्क आ गया है ?

Dr. M. M. Das : There will be no difference; but it was thought proper and expedient to select two thousand basic Hindi words which will be used uniformly in all these primers.

श्री एम० एम० द्विवेदी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह जो प्राइमर तैयार हो रही

है इसके प्रतिरिक्त और भी सीरीष तैयार की जायेंगी या प्राइमर तक ही इस काम को हाथ में लिया जायेगा ?

Dr. M. M. Das : At first let us prepare the primers ; then the consideration of other things will come.

सेठ गोबिन्द दास : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को मालूम है कि जहां तक ग्रहिन्दी क्षेत्रों का सम्बन्ध है वहां तो दक्षिण भारत हिन्दी प्रचार सभा और राष्ट्र भाषा प्रचार सभा, वर्धा, यह दोनों संस्थायें बहुत काल से इस विषय में कार्य कर रही हैं, और क्या इन पाठ्य पुस्तकों को तैयारी में इन सभाओं की सेवायें प्राप्त की जायेंगी या इन से परामर्श किया जायेगा ?

Dr. M. M. Das : The Secretary of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha is a member of our Hindi Siksha Samiti, and in the meeting of that Samiti, the Secretary of the Sabha, Shri M. Satyanarayana, who is a Member of the Upper House, himself proposed that the selection of two thousand basic Hindi words should be done first. And he himself said that the has selected four thousand words, and another six hundred words were taken from the book *Achhi Hindi* of the Nagari Hindi Prachar Sabha. And these four thousand and six hundred words have been circulated to the members of the Hindi Siksha Samiti and State Governments for their comments.

Shri Chattopadhyaya : May I know whether any well-known Hindi writers will be engaged in writing these primers ?

Dr. M. M. Das : We are busy in selecting these two thousand basic words. This question mentioned by the hon. Member will be taken up afterwards.

Storage Accommodation

*281. **Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the recommendation against Serial No. 4 of Appendix I to the Ninth Report (Vol. II) of the Public Accounts Committee regarding provision of adequate arrangements for the proper storage of bulk of the Defence Stores ;

(b) if so, how much covered accommodation has been constructed for the purpose during 1953-54 and 1954-55 ; and

(c) what was the amount of loss of goods due to their being kept in the open, exposed to the inclemencies of the weather during the year 1950-51 to 1954-55 respectively ?

The Minister of Defence (Dr. Katju) :

(a) Yes.

(b) During 1953-54 11,20,239 sq. ft. and during 1954-55 17,42,711 sq. ft.

(c) The information is not available, as no statistics are separately maintained for losses due to inclemencies of weather in respect of stores kept in the open.

Shri Gidwani : May I know the total value of the stores lying with the Defence Department and how much of it is under covered accommodation ?

Dr. Katju : It is a very difficult to say: I cannot give that information.

Shri Gidwani : Is it a fact that at an engineering stores depot the total stores were worth Rs. 20 crores out of which stores worth Rs. 2½ crores were under covered accommodation and the rest, namely stores worth Rs. 17½ crores, were stocked in the open, exposed to sun and rain ?

Dr. Katju : My hon. friend is so well informed!

Mr. Speaker : He wants to be satisfied about the correctness of it.

Dr. Katju : I shall have these figures checked up.

Shri Gidwani : Will it not be more economical to provide covered accommodation for all the stores, as the loss for want of covered accommodation will be much more than compensated by the provision of covered accommodation ?

Dr. Katju : I may say at once that we are making the utmost efforts to provide the maximum covered accommodation for these stores, and this matter is being fully considered in the second Five Year Plan. It will require a large sum to provide this accommodation, many many crores.

Shri Kamath : Arising out of the answer to part (c) of the question, am I to understand that the Defence Ministry maintains no records with regard to loss or damage sustained by exposure of stores to inclement weather ?

Dr. Katju : It maintains complicated records. Losses are calculated under different heads, but I cannot spell out under this particular head.

Shri Kamath : It is strange, very strange indeed.