

सड़कवासला में अंग्रेजी तरीके पर कमोड वगैरह की व्यवस्था से ऐसी शिक्षा दी जाती है कि वे फील्ड वर्क के काबिल नहीं रहते ?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order; we are going into details.

State Financial Corporation

*809. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the States have established their own State Financial Corporations ; and

(b) the contribution made to the States by the Centre for this enterprise so far ?

The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha): (a) No. So far only twelve States have set up these Corporations.

(b) No contribution has been made towards the share capital of these corporations by the Central Government but loans amounting to Rs. 40 lakhs have been given them to the State Financial Corporations of Travancore-Cochin, Saurashtra and Assam.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Loans have been given only to three States. May I know whether the other nine States have set apart sufficient amounts for investment so far as these Corporations are concerned ?

Shri A. C. Guha: No other State has applied except Bihar. That request is under examination. We can take it that the other States Financial Corporations have not felt any necessity to get loans from the Central Government.

Sardar Hukam Singh: If these States have not sent any request for loans, may I know whether the Government have got any information whether these Financial Corporations are really working in those nine States where they have been set up ?

Shri A. C. Guha: They are working, surely. I cannot give an assurance that these State Financial Corporations have been able to do much work, giving loans and other things. I do not think that their volume of business has been anything substantial.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Is advice given frequently to the States so that the real functions might be performed or would it be left to the States when it is known now that even where these Corporations have been started they are not functioning properly and meeting their demands ?

Shri A. C. Guha: No question of not meeting their demands. It is not for paucity of funds that the Corporations have not been able to give much loans. Rather the parties have not come forward with any acceptable proposals. All these Corporations have share capital. There is no question of paucity of funds at the initial stage.

Shri Kasliwal: May I know whether the 14 States which have established their State Financial Corporations received the permission of the Centre and whether such permission has been refused to any State ?

Shri A. C. Guha: No permission has been refused except in the case of some small States like Delhi, Vindhya Pradesh, etc., to which our advice is that instead of setting up Corporations for themselves, they should combine with other Corporations for which the present Act has to be amended.

Mr. Speaker: Shri V. P. Nayar, Shri Amar Singh Damar, Chaudhuri Muhammed Shaffee, Shri T. B. Vittal Rao. (The hon. Members were not in the House).

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): We may not take these questions afterwards. It is very disappointing. They do not come, we come prepared.

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): Then, we have to wait till the end, there are so many other duties to be undertaken.

Mr. Speaker: When there is a Question hour, if a particular Member is not present and the whole time is not exhausted, I do not know how I can refuse to put these questions when they come.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: They would be encouraged to come late.

Mr. Speaker: That is a point to be considered, but, they take a risk. Today, the list seems to be comparatively smaller. When a long list is there, they lose the chance by coming late and then it is automatically lapsed. So far as awaiting is concerned, I think the Ministers are bound to wait.

Dr. Lanka Sundaram: They are aid for it.

Coal Deposits

*815. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state

(a) whether the Punjab Government have made any proposal for the investigation of coal deposits in the Kangra Valley ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya) : (a) and (b). The Government of Punjab suggested the survey of Kangra District for coal and other minerals for inclusion in the programme of work to be carried out by the Geological Survey of India during the year 1953-54. This was not however included in the said programme. But a regional survey, which is being carried out by the Geological Survey of India in the district, will help to locate the deposits. The Survey may occupy three to five years to complete.

Shri D. C. Sharma : May I know what is meant by regional survey ? What is its scope ? What are its functions ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : The suggestion of the Punjab Government for a detailed survey and prospecting of coal and other minerals is a big and comprehensive programme which we are not prepared just now, from the point of view of technical experts, and equipment, to undertake. Therefore, what we agreed to was that a regional survey with regard to mapping the superficial structure should preliminarily be made. After we get certain results, we can follow up detailed prospecting and survey.

Shri D. C. Sharma : May I know when this regional survey was taken in hand, how long it has been going on and for how long it will go on ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : The regional survey will continue and project into the programme of detailed survey and prospecting. I am sorry I have not got just now the programme as to when the former started. If the hon. Member wishes, I can pass on this information to him later on.

Shri D. C. Sharma : May I know if any interim report has been received from the regional survey and if so, what are the tentative findings ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : We receive reports ordinarily when the working season ends. I have not got the reports here.

Shri B. S. Murthy : May I know how many Geological Survey units are now in operation and how priorities are fixed in order to give each State some opportunity to get these benefits ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : I have not got the number of Geological Survey parties just now. The order of priorities is arranged not from the point of view of locating work, in each State, but from the point of view of the importance of minerals and other natural resources from the economic and strategic point of view for the nation as a whole.

Statistical Data regarding Newspapers

***816. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state :

(a) the object of the questionnaire on newspapers and other periodicals received from UNESCO for collection of statistical data of publication and circulation of newspapers in India ; and

(b) the action taken by Government in the matter ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) :

(a) The object was to collect internationally comparable statistical data of publication and circulation of newspapers and other periodicals in India.

(b) Available information was sent to UNESCO.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : May I know the total number of newspapers and periodicals in the country ; may I also know the number of periodicals in Hindi ?

Dr. M. M. Das : In India the total number of newspapers and periodicals is 4,769, and the total number of those which are published in Hindi is 661 as on 1-1-53.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : May I know whether it is a fact that the information required by the UNESCO is given in the Press Commission's report ?

Dr. M. M. Das : Yes, Sir, it has been given in the Press Commission's report. In fact, we have simply copied those portions of the report and sent them to the UNESCO.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi : Will the hon. Parliamentary Secretary be able to tell me which papers command the largest circulation in India ?

Dr. M. M. Das : We have got no figures about that at present.

Rice Bran Oil

***817. Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy :** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of work and results obtained by the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, regarding the production of rice bran oil in the country ;

(b) by what time production is expected to start ; and

(c) its main uses ?