

पी कि इस से लोगों को कठिनाइयां हो रही हैं। जब हमको यह जानकारी मिली तो हमने इस विषय में राज्य सरकारों को परामर्श दिया और कुछ राज्य सरकारों ने हमारे परामर्श के अनुसार कार्य भी किया। मुमकिन है कि बहुत से कार्यकर्ता जो घाते हैं वे डी० ए० और टी० ए० तब भी नहीं करते हों क्यों कि वे सेवा भावना से प्रेरित होते हैं। माननीय सदस्य को यह बात भी ध्यान में रखनी चाहिये।

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : भ्रमो मंत्री महोदय ने कहा कि मुमकिन है कि वे सेवा भावना से प्रेरित हो कर जाते होंगे। तो क्या कारण है कि प्लानिंग मिनिस्टर ने उन सेवा भावना से प्रेरित होने वाले किसान को इन कमेटियों का बेयरमैन या वाइस बेयरमैन नहीं बनाया। मंत्री महोदय ने यह भी कहा कि हम लोगों को इस बात का पूरा पूरा पता न था। क्यों वह इस बात का पूरा पूरा पता क्यों नहीं लगाते। मेरी जानकारी है कि यह प्रश्न यहां भी रखा गया था।

को श्या० नं० बिषय : जहां तक हमारी जानकारी का जरिया है, उसमें माननीय सदस्य भी जाते हैं, और जब माननीय सदस्यों ने इस और हमारा ध्यान आकृष्ट किया तो हमारा ध्यान इस ओर गया। इस विषय में यहां एक प्रस्ताव आया था उस पर बहस भी हुई थी। हमने बतलाया कि हमने राज्य सरकारों का ध्यान इस ओर दिनाया है। लेकिन जहां तक बेयरमैन घाटि बनाने का सवाल है, यह एक घलम प्रश्न है, और इस पर इस सभा में काफी विचार हो चुका है।

Shri Sivamurthi Swami : May I know whether any detailed report has been received from the organisers of the Village and Cottage Industries of Wardha, especially, J. C. Kumarappa, by the Planning Commission in order to reorientate the policy of the Government in the matter of constituting the advisory boards for N.E.S. and Community

Project Areas and whether any action has been taken on the report?

Shri S. N. Mishra : I do not quite see how it arises out of this question.

Mr. Speaker : This question relates to the holding of meetings in out of the way places and also to T. A. and D. A. of members but not with the policy.

#### Engineering Personnel Committee

\*24. Shri Bahadur Singh : Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Engineering Personnel Committee appointed by the Planning Commission has suggested opening of 15 new engineering colleges and 62 schools imparting training in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering in the country;

(b) the number of such colleges and schools that are going to be opened in the Punjab;

(c) whether the Engineering Personnel Committee recommended some sort of special financial assistance to the engineering colleges and technical schools already in existence in various States in view of the shortage of Engineering Personnel, which is likely to exist in spite of training facilities provided in the Second Plan, and

(d) whether some special financial assistance has been recommended by this Committee for the Engineering Colleges and Technical Schools in the Punjab other than the Government Technical Schools and Engineering Colleges?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra) : (a) The Committee has suggested the opening of 18 colleges and 62 schools.

(b) For the Northern Region comprising the Punjab, the Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, PEPSU, Delhi, Ajmer-Merwara and Himachal Pradesh, the Committee has recommended the establishment of 4 colleges and 17 schools. The Committee has not indicated the number of institutions to be started in the Punjab State.

(c) It is not clear what the honourable member means by "special financial assistance" in this context. Presumably he means the financial assistance for expanding the capacity of existing institutions. Though the Committee has recommended that capacity in the existing institutions should be expanded fully, separate financial assistance for it has not yet been indicated. The total cost of expansion of capacity in existing institutions plus the cost of setting up 18 colleges and 62 schools has been estimated to be in the neighbourhood of Rs. 16 crores.

(d) Does not arise.

**Shri Bahadur Singh:** Will the Government entertain the demands of the various engineering colleges and technical schools which need assistance at present? I put this question because the hon. Minister has said that the Committee has not recommended any financial assistance.

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** I have not said that the Engineering Personnel Committee has not recommended any financial assistance for the expansion of existing facilities. I simply expressed my doubt about the way in which the question has been put. What the hon. Member means by special financial assistance is not clear to me. They have certainly included in Rs. 16 crores assistance for expansion of training facilities in the existing institutions. Now the mechanics of it has to be worked out.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** Has the Government noted the alarm sounded in western circles that competitive co-existence is becoming keener as four million engineers would be produced by the USSR in the next few years? Is Government taking steps to open more science and engineering colleges in India and also to provide jobs for the engineering graduates?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** It is not because of such reports appearing in the Press, but because of our need during the Second Plan and also during the next fifteen years, that we are going to take steps in this direction.

**Shri R. P. Garg:** In view of the fact that there are hundreds of engineers who have registered themselves with the Employment Exchanges, may I know whether there is a surplus of engineers or Government has no proper plan for the utilisation of their services?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** It is indeed a point which requires a certain amount of clarification. When certain vacancies are announced and a number of applications come in, there is a tendency to come to the conclusion that there is a surplus. But, that is not so. Analysis has revealed that 95 per cent. of these applicants require more coveted posts than they are holding at present and therefore, these applications and registrations.

**Shri Thimmalah:** In view of our requirements under the Second Plan, has the Government instructed the State Governments about the number of students to be admitted to the various technical institutions in the States?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** We have satisfied ourselves that the State Governments are doing all they can to ensure expansion of training facilities. About the increase in the different institutions, I cannot say anything at the moment.

**Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that certain insti-

tutions were recently established in PISPU and Punjab and will the Government consider helping them under this scheme?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** This amounts to a suggestion. But, if they come under the scheme of assistance that is to work, the case of PEPSU will certainly be considered.

**Lala Achint Ram:** It was said that the engineers wanted coveted posts. What is the minimum pay offered to an engineer?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** I do not have that information at the moment.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I enquire whether there will be any phasing in the starting of the various engineering institutions and also whether Government is in a position to find the necessary personnel to man them?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** As for phasing certainly that would be done according as the needs arise. So far as staffing is concerned, it is one of the important aspects which will be attended to.

#### Nagarjunasagar Dam

\*25. **Dr. Rama Rao:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the committee of three experts appointed to consider the recommendations and proposals of Mr. Slocum on Nagarjunasagar Dam, has sent its opinion and recommendations; and

(b) whether Government have taken final decision on the nature of the dam, masonry or concrete, and the import and utilisation of machinery on a large scale?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) No Sir.

(b) No final decision has been taken pending receipt of the report of the Committee.

**Dr. Rama Rao:** This matter has been under consideration for a number of years and now it is again under reconsideration. Is the Government aware of the anxiety of the Andhra public about the delay in coming to a final decision about the nature of the dam? Actually, it must be decided by technicians.

**Shri Hathi:** Perhaps the hon. Member knows that Mr. Slocum visited the dam site in April 1956 and he suggested that a concrete dam would be better. The Committee of engineers has said that it may be partly concrete and partly masonry. In view of this suggestion this Committee is going to meet in August and an early decision will be taken.