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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven
of the Clock.*

[MR DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Foreign Loans

*68. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad** : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether some foreign countries have agreed to advance loans to India to finance her Second Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the names of the countries; and

(c) the quantum of the loans?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat) : (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table [See Appendix I, Annexure No. 19].

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : What would be the period of payment of the Rs. 40 crores of loan from the U. S. A. and what would be the terms of repayment?

Shri B. R. Bhagat : The loan is repayable over a period of 40 years in half-yearly instalments. The rate of interest is 4 per cent if repaid in rupees and 3 per cent if repaid in dollars.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know whether the team from the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, that visited India, have submitted their report, and if so, what are the recommendations made regarding the loan to be advanced to India by that Bank?

Shri B. R. Bhagat : The Bank mission have gone back and if they have submitted any report, they would have submitted it to the bank, and any recommendations that they make will be to the bank, and therefore, we do not know what recommendations they have made.

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Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the humiliating statement of the minority leader in the U. S. A. Senate that he would move or support a move to have a substantial cut in the foreign aid programme to India, and if so, do Government propose in the light of this humiliating statement to refuse such loan from the U.S.A. ?

Shri B. R. Bhagat : I have seen that report in the press, but that is only a minority leader's statement.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : But the minority leader belongs to the ruling Republican Party of U.S.A.

Shri Kamath : Have Government in this connection decided to accept loans from any foreign country, provided no strings are attached, or have Government made a distinction between country and country on a political or other basis, and if so, what is the basis?

Shri B. R. Bhagat : Our policy regarding accepting loans or investments is well known. We accept loans from friendly countries, if there are no political strings attached. There is no distinction made between country and country.

Shri B. S. Murthy : In view of the fact that the U. S. A. press also is inimical towards India in the matter of India's progress is it quite essential that we should accept this loan of Rs. 40 crores, which is but a drop in the ocean in our expenditure?

Shri B. R. Bhagat : That is because the press is free. But there are other friendly reports from other sections there.

Regional School of Printing

*69. **Shri Shree Narayan Das** : Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in establishing Regional Schools of Printing.

(b) the total amount so far advanced by the Central Government for the purpose of giving separate figures for each School; and

(c) the number of trainees so far admitted in the established Schools?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) : (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, Annexure No. 20]

Shri Shree Narayan Das : From the statement, it appears that the Central Government have agreed to bear 50 per cent. of the non-recurring and recurring cost of each school. May I know the terms and conditions under which this aid is going to be given to these institutions ?

Dr. M. M. Das : The terms and conditions are that the remaining 50 per cent. of the recurring and non-recurring expenditure will be borne by the Government of the State in which the school is situated, with the active co-operation of the printing presses there.

Shri Shree Narayan Das : May I know whether the Central or the State Governments have any hand in the management of these schools, and if so, the nature of control and regulation that they have ?

Dr. M. M. Das : I want to have notice of the question.

Shri Shree Narayan Das : What is the estimated capacity for admission of these schools separately ?

Dr. M. M. Das : The present provisions are as follows : In Madras, the number is about 180 for the first and second year—it is the second year of the school. In Calcutta, it is 80 in the first year, and the admission is now taking place. In Bombay, this is the first year of admission, and there is provision for 25 seats. When the arrangements are complete, the total number of students that will be given facilities for training will be about 200 in each School.

Shri M. K. Maitra : Has any arrangement been made for giving practical training to the trainees ?

Dr. M. M. Das : That is the reason why we have tried to locate these schools in places where there are large numbers of printing presses.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Now, Shri B. S. Murthy.

Shri M. K. Maitra : May I know whether the schools.....

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Order, order. The sequence should also be borne in mind. A Member should begin to speak only when he is called upon to speak. He should not compel the Chair to allow him to speak simply because he has begun already. Now, Shri B. S. Murthy.

Shri B. S. Murthy : May I know whether there are any State Government schools which have been taken under this scheme ?

Dr. M. M. Das : There is no State Government school. But there is a proposal to the effect that another printing school will be established in the Delhi Polytechnic. That will be directly under the Central Government, if it comes about at all.

Shri Shree Narayan Das : May I know the extent of financial responsibility of the Central Government in the matter of the recurring and non-recurring expenditure of all these institutions ?

Dr. M. M. Das : It is already mentioned in the statement that 50 per cent. will be borne by the Central Government, and 50 per cent. will be met by the Government of the State in which the institution is located, with the active co-operation and financial help of the printing presses there.

Shri M. K. Maitra : May I know whether there is any proposal to give subsidy to these private presses for arrangement of practical training ?

Dr. M. M. Das : I do not think there is any such proposal. On the contrary, these private presses are to contribute towards the establishment of these schools.

Cost Accounting

*71. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty :** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any system of cost accounting in Defence production establishments; and

(b) if not, the method adopted for comparing and checking production costs in the various establishments ?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia) : (a) A system of Cost Accounting already exists in Ordnance Factories. The question of its revision so as to make it more scientific is being examined by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty : In view of the fact that often it is stated that the goods produced at the civilian establishments are expensive, may I know whether any method has been adopted for checking the production costs and for computing it on a more rational basis ?

Sardar Majithia : The production costs, I admit, are a bit high. But, as I said, we are revising this accounting procedure, and we shall take proper note of it.

Shri V. P. Nayar : The Minister has stated that the system of cost accounting is in vogue. May I know whether in the Defence Accounts Service there are officers who have special qualifications in cost accounting, and if, so, how many there are ?