

**Shri Pataskar:** The Boeings are expected to arrive here by about 1960 and before that the Department is anxious that we should have an international airport which can accommodate such large aircraft.

**Southern Regional Higher Technological Institute**

\*86. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken with regard to the location of the Southern Regional Higher Technological Institute;

(b) if so, the name of the place selected;

(c) whether any site has been acquired; and

(d) the amount likely to be spent during the year 1957-58 for this purpose?

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall):** (a) to (c). The matter is under consideration.

(d) No financial provision has yet been made in the budget for 1957 for the Institute.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know the reasons for the delay in finalising the location of this Institute?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** The present position is that the Regional Committee has recommended that the Institute should be located in Madras and the Co-ordinating Committee has also endorsed this recommendation; and the Madras Government are looking for sites. As soon as that is finalised, the Government will take necessary action.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know whether there is any proposal to take over the present Engineering College at Guindy, Madras and locate this Southern Regional Institute there?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** There was such a proposal at an earlier stage but there is no such proposal now.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know when the work regarding the construction of buildings for housing this Institute will be taken up?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** As early as possible in the Second Five Year Plan.

**Dr. Rama Rao:** The hon. Minister has stated that no amount has been allocated for this in 1957-58. When they are looking for the site, what is the reason for not even provisionally allocating some funds for this Institute?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** Rs. 7.5 crores have been provided in the Second Five Year Plan for the development of this Institute as well as the other 2 Institutes. Now, as soon as the arrangements are finalised, Government will make the necessary provision for the development of this Institute.

**Shri C. R. Narasimhan:** May I know whether foreign offers of technical advice in this regard are under consideration and, if so, whether any of them will be utilised in the case of the proposed Southern Regional Institute?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** The Federal Republic of West Germany has offered assistance in the establishment of one Technological Institute and the Government will certainly take advantage of this offer.

**Election Day**

\*87. **Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that some of the Government concerns and offices did not declare the various dates of elections as regional holidays?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** Instructions were issued early in February that the Central Government offices in the various States should remain closed on the respective polling date(s) in a particular area(s). Instructions were also issued about the same time