

### Examination System

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\*163. { Shri Ram Krishna:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Bahadur Singh:  
Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
Shri Damani:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 281 on the 13th August, 1958 and state:

(a) the progress of work done so far in conducting a probe into the existing examination system at the university level and the secondary education stage;

(b) whether any phased programme for reform of examination system has been drawn up as a result of it; and

(c) if so, its nature?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 73.]

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Shri Ram Krishna: From the statement, I find that the recommendations of the conference were sent to the State Governments for necessary action. May I know whether any of the States have implemented this decision?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: Yes, some of the States are taking steps for the reorganisation of examinations. But if the hon. Member wants detailed information with regard to each State, he will have to give me separate notice.

Shri Ram Krishna: May I know the personnel of the committee appointed for this purpose, and the nature of the work done by this committee?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: To which committee is the hon. Member referring?

Shri Ram Krishna: In the statement, I find:

"The Commission has sent its officers to various foreign countries to study this problem; and have set up a committee to examine the question of reform of the system of examination in the Indian universities".

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: This refers to the University Grants Commission committee. The report is awaited.

Shri Bahadur Singh: From the statement I find that the Commission has sent its officers to various foreign countries to study this problem. May I know the names of the countries to which they have been sent and the number of officers that have been sent?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The names of the countries are mentioned in the statement.

Shri Tangamani: They are not mentioned there.

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The officers of the commission visited Japan, the USA and other foreign countries. I have no information with me at present as to what the other countries are.

Shri Hem Barua: We find from the statement that the universities were requested by Government in 1955 to reduce the burden of final examination as also to distribute the work uniformly throughout the course. May I know which are the universities that have complied so far with this request of Government, and if any university has not done it so far, whether it has advanced any grounds for non-implementation of the suggestion contained in the request?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: This is a special recommendation which has been recently made to the University Grants Commission, and it will take some time before the actual implementation takes place. The question of reorganisation of examination

is a very difficult one and a lot of preliminary work, such as preparation of objective tests and other measures will have to be taken, before the system of examination is reorganised. It will have to be a gradual process. The preliminary work is being done, and I hope that in course of time the universities will reorganise examinations.

**Shri Tangamani:** The hon. Minister stated that the University Grants Commission had sent its officers to Japan, to the USA and to other countries. May I know whether these officers have completed their trip, and whether they have submitted a report to Government?

**Dr. K. L. Shrivastava:** I do not have that information with me. I shall obtain that information from the University Grants Commission, and let the hon. Member know about it if he wants it.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** By what time will the net results of all these probes and investigations become visible either at the secondary school level or at the university level?

**Dr. K. L. Shrivastava:** It is very difficult in such educational reforms to set any time-limit. It is a process of continuous reconstruction, and I do not know whether at any stage we can say that the final stage has been reached.

**Shri V. C. Shukla:** Recently two extension workshops were conducted under the supervision of Dr. Bloom in the Southern region and Northern region. May I know why the Central region was not covered, and whether it will be covered in the near future?

**Dr. K. L. Shrivastava:** Dr. Bloom was here for only a short time and he arranged as many workshops as was possible. If in future any workshops are held, certainly the places which were left out will be covered.

**Shri Achar:** May I know whether the State Ministries are consulted in this matter?

**Dr. K. L. Shrivastava:** Yes, a conference was held of all the Boards of Education and certain decisions were taken at that conference.

### Second Deshmukh Committee Report

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\*169. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri R. C. Majhi:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 683 on the 21st August, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the Second Deshmukh Committee has submitted its report;

(b) what are the difficulties that were put before the Committee by certain universities;

(c) how those difficulties are proposed to be solved; and

(d) the universities which have already started three year degree course?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivastava):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) Apart from the universities of Delhi and Jadavpur which had the three-year degree course before the framing of the present scheme, the universities of Saugar, Madras, Baroda, Karnatak, Kerala, Osmania, Visva Bharati, Mysore, Sardar Vallabhbhai Vidyapeeth, Nagpur, Andhra, Aligarh, Annamalai, Sri Venkateswara, Vikram, Poona, Marathwada and Rajasthan have introduced the three-year degree course.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** How long the two-year degree course will remain in those Universities which have accepted this three-year programme? May I know whether there is any uniform phased programme drawn up by Government in the matter?