

Shri Subodh Mangda: May I know whether Government have estimated the total cost that will be required to man and equip this Institute?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: In the original Second Five Year Plan, originally, there was a provision of Rs. 75 lakhs; now, it has been reduced to Rs. 25 lakhs.

Shri Tyagi: May I know what are the details of this audio-visual education? Is it only a propaganda of the Five Year Plans or other things whereby general education will be given or will it be academic education as well?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The hon. Member is aware that the audio-visual aids play a very important role in imparting education to children. And the main function of this Institute will be to prepare necessary personnel as well as to prepare material which might be available for the various educational institutions.

Educational Grants

*171. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Educational Grants to the State Governments have been reduced consequent to the reappraisal of the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The original allocation of Rs. 212 crores for the States' Educational Development Programmes under the Second Five Year Plan has been reduced to Rs. 207 crores.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether the University Grants Commission and other educational institutions have been consulted in the matter before the allocation was reduced?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: There is a regular consultation with all the bodies. But since the Plan provision had to

be cut down, it had its effect on the educational plan also.

Shri Sanganna: May I know what is the contribution made to our educational programme by the different States of the country?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: I do not have the detailed plans of the States. I will refer the hon. Member to the Plan itself.

Shri Desappa: May I know whether the grants towards primary education have in any way been cut down further because in the Second Plan the provision made was much less than in the First Plan?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The hon. Member will see that the total reduction is only Rs. 5 crores—from Rs. 212 crores to Rs. 207 crores, as far as the State Plans are concerned. Exactly how this will affect the various sectors, it is very difficult to say at the present moment. I can give this information only after the proposals have been received from the State Governments.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether the attention of Government is drawn to a statement made by Shri Deshmukh, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, to the effect that he has made an offer to the Finance Minister to challenge the spending capacity of the University Grants Commission before fixing a ceiling on funds? If so, may I also know whether this reduction in allocation was because of the lack of confidence of the Government in the spending capacity of the University Grants Commission or because of other reasons?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: A long introduction and a longer question.

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: I had difficulty in following the exact implication of the question. Will the hon. Member kindly repeat it?

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether the attention of the Government is drawn to the statement made by Shri Deshmukh wherein he has said that he has made an offer to the Finance Minister to challenge the spending capacity of the University Grants Commission before fixing a ceiling on the allocation of funds. If so, may I know whether this reduction in the funds is due to this reason or some other reason?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The answer ought to be longer than the question. Then, perhaps, we may not be able to cover even 5 questions during the Question Hour. Has the hon. Minister now got the implication of the question?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: I have not fully understood it, anyhow, I will answer.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Then, he need not answer.

Shri Mahanty: May we know if this reduction in the educational grant will have any impact on the free primary education in the States?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: I can only say this. There has been some reduction, as I have already indicated; but, I cannot say how this will affect the various phases of education, secondary, higher etc. That I can say only after I receive the details from the State Governments.

National Service

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*172. { **Shri Harish Chandra**
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Mathur:
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Supakar:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra.
Shri Wodeyar:
Shri Vajpayee:
Shri Achar:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have come to a decision that

no degree shall be awarded by the universities unless a year's national service is put in by the students;

(b) if so, the broad details of the scheme and its financial implications;

(c) whether the scheme has been accepted by all the universities; and

(d) when it is being enforced?

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

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know how this proposal originated and through what stages it has passed?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The proposal originated from the Prime Minister. He wrote a letter dated the 9th June, 1958 to all the Chief Ministers of the States in which he made a proposal for compulsory labour and social service for all young men and women between the ages of 19 and 22. The Ministry is, at present, engaged in working out the details of this scheme.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Is it not a fact that this has been circulated to the Universities; and, if so, may I know from how many Universities replies have been received?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The stage has not yet arrived. As I said, the Ministry is still working out the details of the scheme; and, as soon as the details have been worked out, further steps will be taken in this direction.

Shri Wodeyar: May I know whether the University Grants Commission has agreed with this; and by what standard the Government will come to a decision that a particular student has completed one year of national service in its true sense?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: Last time when the Prime Minister was invited to attend the University Grants Commission meeting, there was an informal discussion about the scheme. And,