

Second University in Delhi

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 Shri Bishanchander Seth:
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 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
 Shri Pottakkatt:
 Shri A. V. Raghavan:
 Shri Kappen:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision in regard to the setting up of a second university in Delhi has been taken; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Government have accepted in principle the recommendation of the Committee, appointed by the University of Delhi at the instance of U.G.C., to the effect that a Second University should be started in Delhi as early as possible.

(b) The details are under consideration.

श्री श्री० प्र० यादव : इस दूसरे विश्वविद्यालय की क्षमता क्या होगी और क्या सरकार की निगाह में ऐसी बात भी है कि अभी विश्वविद्यालय में भरती के लिए जो सर्टोन स्टैन्डर्ड रक्खा है और उस स्टैन्डर्ड के सभी विद्यार्थी अभी प्रवेश नहीं पाते हैं तो इस नये विश्वविद्यालय के खुल जाने से क्या इस स्टैन्डर्ड के सभी विद्यार्थियों को विश्वविद्यालय में प्रवेश पाने की गुंजाइश हो सकेगी।

Shri M. C. Chagla: We have not worked out the details, but the position is this. The present University of Delhi has got about 28,000 students, and it is felt that the time has come when a new university should be started. 28,000, in all conscience, is much too much.

Shri Ranga: We thought that since the new Minister has come he was going to achieve a lot of economy

especially when he has dismissed so many committees; we find that he has already accepted the baby that has been left for him by the previous Minister. May I know whether it is not a fact that in the Calcutta University there are several times more students than are to be found here in the Delhi University and yet there is only one university there, and so, why is it that Government has accepted this idea of having merely an administrative unit of a second university?

Shri M. C. Chagla: Delhi is the capital of India and it should be a model for the rest of India.

Shri Ranga: Therefore, there should be more universities?

Shri M. C. Chagla: If my hon. friend knew the conditions in the Calcutta University, he would not say that. I do not think it is right for any University to have 130,000 students which the Calcutta University has. Strong representations were made to us by the Vice-Chancellor of the Delhi University.

Shri Ranga: So, there may be a case for having two universities in Calcutta. Waste of money.

Shri M. C. Chagla: Money is never wasted to truly educate students.

Shri Hanumanthaiya: In order to avoid pressure on space and other amenities of city life, would it be possible to locate it outside the city of Delhi proper?

Shri M. C. Chagla: We have already been allocated a certain area in Delhi itself, and we have to meet the needs of a growing Delhi. There is tremendous pressure on the present university. After considering all the factors we came to the conclusion of having a second university.

Shri Ranga: Why? It is not at all convincing. (Interruption).

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Let me request the hon. Members to be patient. **Shri Basappa.**

Shri Basappa: May I know whether there is any proper criterion laid down for starting a new university and, if so, what is the criterion on which new universities are to be started?

Shri M. C. Chagla: The criterion is, efficiency, good education, high standards. This is one of the criteria.

Shri D. C. Sharma: The Delhi University Act envisages the operation of the university within a radius of 10 miles. May I know whether that Act will be amended and the radius will be diminished or this Act will come into force within a certain area which will be specified later on?

Shri M. C. Chagla: I am hoping to introduce legislation in the next session for this new university. At present the details are being worked out, and we are trying to decide what would be the constituent bodies of this new university. The full details have not been worked out.

श्री प्रकाशचौर शास्त्री : दिल्ली में एक दूसरा विश्वविद्यालय बनाने का प्रश्न विचाराधीन है, यह उत्तर सरकार की ओर से पिछले तीन वर्षों से लगातार दिया जा रहा है जब कि दिल्ली के पचासों हजार विद्यार्थी उत्तर प्रदेश और पंजाब में पढ़ने के लिए जाते हैं क्योंकि यहाँ उनके लिए सुविधा नहीं है तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि कौन सी कठिनाई अभी तक ऐसी है जिससे अन्तिम निर्णय इस विषय में नहीं लिया जा सका है ?

श्री म० क० चागला : मैं माननीय सदस्य को इस का विश्वास दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि यह नई यूनिवर्सिटी दिल्ली में बनाने के लिए निश्चित कदम हमारी ओर से उठाये जा रहे हैं। इस के लिए अगले सेशन में मैं आवश्यक लेजिस्लेशन इंटीडियूस करूंगा। इस से ज्यादा मैं और कुछ नहीं कह सकता।

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether this university is going to be purely a residential university or otherwise?

Shri M. C. Chagla: The details are not yet worked out; it is difficult to make a residential university in Delhi with so many scattered colonies, but the details have not yet been worked out.

Shri U. M. Trivedi: This problem of having more universities has been vexing in India for a number of years. Now, in view of the fact that most of the universities are merely examining bodies and function only in a mere administrative capacity, why has it become necessary to add one more university, instead of having more colleges in the university?

Shri M. C. Chagla: The Vice-Chancellor of the present Delhi University represented to us that even the administrative problems have become so difficult with students numbering 28,000 and with a large number of colleges. We were satisfied that in the interest even of administrative efficiency, a new university was necessary.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri Shimkre: Who represented? The present Vice-Chancellor or the previous Vice-Chancellor?

Mr. Speaker: We have passed on to the next question.

अन्तर्विश्वविद्यालय बोर्ड की बैठक

*६४६. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या शिक्षा मन्त्री ३ अप्रैल, १९६३ के तारंकित्त प्रश्न संख्या ६८४ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने अन्तर्विश्वविद्यालय बोर्ड जिसकी बैठक फरवरी, १९६३ में बम्बई में हुई थी, की सिफारिशों पर विचार कर लिया है ;