

श्री श्रीमती विष्णु शिखर : क्या इस विषय में सब राज्य सरकारों से परामर्श किया गया था, यदि हां, तो उन की क्या राय थी और जो धनराशि इस में खर्च होगी, उसमें से प्रांतीय सरकारें क्या देंगी और केन्द्रीय सरकार क्या देगी ?

श्री डी. पी. यादव : इस के लिए हम राज्य सरकारों से पैसा नहीं लेने जा रहे हैं। अभी हमने केन्द्रीय स्तर पर एक प्रायलट प्रोजेक्ट चलाया था, और इस बारे में केन्द्रीय स्तर पर ही परामर्श किया गया था, राज्य सरकारों से नहीं।

श्री श्रीमती विष्णु शिखर : यह जो छः से आठ सप्ताह का रिकेशर कोर्स होगा, यह कहा और किस के द्वारा चलाया जायेगा, उस के शिक्षकों की क्या योग्यता होगी और यह योजना कब से चालू होगी ?

श्री डी. पी. यादव : स्कूल-कालेजों में जो हिस्ट्री और आर्ट के शिक्षक हैं और जिन का उन विषयों से सम्बन्ध है, जो ग्रेजुएट या एम. ए. होंगे, वे इस छः से आठ सप्ताह वाले कोर्स में आयेंगे। यह शिक्षा देने के लिए कुछ यूनिवर्सिटीज से और कुछ म्यूजियम से इन विषयों के माहिर लोग होंगे। हम लोगों ने एकसपे रिमेंट के तौर पर यह शिक्षा दिल्ली यूनिवर्सिटी में आलरेडी शुरू कर दी है और फर्स्ट कोर्स कल खत्म हो रहा है।

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : While trying to implement the scheme to familiarise the University and College students with the cultural heritage of India, is proper precaution taken to see that the cultural heritage is not misconstrued as the old traditional values of a feudal society ?

SHRI D. P. YADAVA : We will certainly take proper precaution.

MR. SPEAKER : It is a suggestion to Government.

श्री श्रीमती विष्णु शिखर : यह देखा गया है कि हमारी शिक्षाई हिस्ट्री में क्वाटा रोड राजा-महाराजाओं की शिक्षा था। क्या सरकार ने हिस्ट्री को री-ऑरेंट करने का इन्तजाम किया

है, ताकि लोगों को मालूम हो सके कि हमारे कल्चरल हेरिटेज में लोगों का, पीपल का, क्या रोल रहा है, क्योंकि हमारा असली कल्चरल हेरिटेज वही है।

SHRI D. P. YADAVA : This is an academic matter. Definitely the Government of India will consult all the big persons in the academic life to incorporate all these things.

Construction of West Coast Road

*724. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India have considered the suggestion of Kerala Government to construct a West Coast Road connecting National Highway No. 47; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT. (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) and (b). The West Coast Road being developed with Central financial assistance in Kerala is almost complete except the bridge across Baliapatam River and a few other works and the same is connected with National Highway No. 47 via National Highway No. 47-A at Challisseri. Government of Kerala had further asked for financial assistance for construction of a coastal road connecting Feroke to Ernakulam against programme of roads of Inter-State and Economic Importance. This proposal could not be accepted.

SHRI C. JANARDHANAN : This road goes through the coastal belt of Kerala which is densely populated. In view of this fact, will the Government reconsider the position and accept the Kerala Government's proposal ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : In fixing up the alignment of the west coast road we are essentially influenced by the factors of economic importance of the region to be covered, economic potentialities, etc. and we found that this particular alignment which was suggested to us by the Kerala Government sometimes back is the most appropriate one. It connects two important towns of Trichur and

Always. It is not essential that the road should exactly run next to the coast. In many places it is as far away as 18 to 28 miles. In this Kerala region, on an average, in this particular Sector, it is at a distance of about 8.5 miles from the coast.

SHRI C. JANARDHANAN : This road is a shorter road in the Bombay Kanyakumari line. It is about 30 or 34 k.m. less. Will the Government reconsider their stand on this basis ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : The question is which one can be considered as arterial road. The hon. Member might be interested to know that even Kerala Government did not include it in the list of Centrally-aided State roads of economic importance, during the Fourth Plan. It was not in the alignment given for the West Coast road by Kerala Government.

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN : Have you informed the Kerala Government that their representations with respect to these matters has been rejected by you ? Has the Kerala Government again put in a representation to you requesting that this matter may be reconsidered ? If so, will you reconsider this matter in the light of the request of the Kerala Government ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : Kerala Government was informed as far back as 28th September, 1969 about our reaction to this particular proposal. The hon. Member will appreciate that already huge amount of cost has been incurred on this approved alignment. Having developed that alignment having another parallel road many miles away, will not really be an economic and viable proposition.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN : Kerala Government, according to the Minister's statement has been informed about it. Recently there has been a meeting of some Road Experts or something like that and Kerala Government had again proposed for the construction of the West Coast Road. Will the Government reconsider this proposal ? He says it will be a parallel road to the main road. Is it not a fact that this will be connecting many of the cities and offering a new life-line to the coastal area which is economically important, because it connects important cities in Malabar in the Cochin ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : I have already replied to this. We have got limited resources at our disposal, and we consider the agricultural importance and industrial importance etc. while deciding all these things. I think for the present it is hardly feasible.

SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : May I ask a supplementary question ?

MR. SPEAKER : Is the hon. Member also interested in this question ?

SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : The subject-matter of this question is construction of West Coast Road. So, I am not going out of the subject-matter of the question. The heading is West Coast Road. So, may I know the decision of Government regarding the coastal highway in Saurashtra, which has been pending ?

MR. SPEAKER : The subject-matter of the question is West Coast Road, but only in Kerala and not in Gujarat.

SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : You are not denying that the subject-matter is West Coast Road. Therefore, I would like to ask my question about the coastal highway in Saurashtra.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member is lost in his own arguments. The main question relates to National Highway No. 47 in Kerala.

SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : I do not want to see that. Only the heading is enough for me. I think the hon. Minister is ready to reply. He may be allowed to reply.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : I do appreciate that this particular road, the West Coast Road extends from, if I am not mistaken, Panvel in Maharashtra to Tellicherry or Ernakulam where Highway No. 47 is running. The northern region of the coast is not included in this, that is the Gujarat and Saurashtra coast. I do not for a moment dispute that there should be a road along the coast in Gujarat and Saurashtra also. It depends, however, on the initiative on all sides plus the availability of finances.