

report in the "*Hindustan Standard*" of the 31st July, 1953, that the Telangana Committee of the Communist Party has approached the Embassies of the Soviet, the Chinese and other Communist countries for funds?

(b) Are Embassies of foreign countries allowed to contribute to the private funds of political parties?

(c) If not, what action is being taken in the matter?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Yes, Government have seen such a report.

(b) This is not a question of law so much as of international propriety. Government have, however, no information to the effect that any foreign mission has contributed funds in response to the appeal.

(c) Does not arise.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

*627. **Shri Sinhasan Singh:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 2235 asked on the 15th May, 1953, and state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to implement the recommendations of the Planning Commission towards the reform of public administration; and

(b) whether Government have established Boards as recommended in the report of the Commission?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) The specific steps to be taken by Government to implement the recommendations are still under consideration.

(b) The Planning Commission in Chapter VI, Para. 31, of their report have referred to a Central Government Establishment Board. Such a Board already exists. In para. 33 of the same chapter they have recom-

mended the establishment of a Central Board to deal with problems of the industrial undertakings of the Central Government. The establishment of such a Board is under consideration in the appropriate Ministry.

NATIONAL SAMPLE SURVEY

329. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts and scales of pay of Superintendents, National Sample Survey, Delhi Block;

(b) the date when these posts were created; and

(c) how the recruitment was made?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) There is only one post of Superintendent, National Sample Survey, Delhi Block. The scale of pay of the post is Rs. 250—350 or grade pay plus 20 per cent. subject to a minimum of Rs. 250 p.m.

(b) The post was created with effect from 12th May, 1950.

(c) The recruitment to this post has been made either by promotion within the Directorate or by deputation of a suitable and experienced officer from the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta.

EXPENDITURE ON NATIONAL AND SMALL SAVINGS COLLECTIONS

330. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure on the National and Small Savings Collections for the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53 under different heads (cost of staff employed in the National Savings Organisation, Publicity expenses and commission to authorised agents); and