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(Part I—Questions and Answers)  
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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Tuesday, 15th December, 1953

*The House met at Half Past One of  
the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBER SWORN

Shri Sadhan Chandra Gupta (Calcutta South-East).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

PROGRAMME EVALUATION ORGANISATION

\*940. Shri S. N. Das: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Programme Evaluation Organisation has as a result of their assessing the progress and results of the Community Projects, submitted any report; and

(b) if so, what are the important features of the report?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) A consolidated monthly survey of the working and progress of Community Projects as observed in areas in which the Programme Evaluation Organisation has its officers is circulated among concerned authorities at the Centre and in the States. This survey is of a current and operational nature for use of persons directly concerned with the conduct of project activities.

Surveys in specific aspects of the working of projects are at different stages of completion. As yet no report has been submitted.

(b) Does not arise.

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Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether the Organisation is required to submit any periodical short-term reports?

Shri Hathi: As I mentioned in para. (a) of my reply, the Organisation sends monthly surveys, but about six months after the setting up of the Organisation it will be required to send its detailed report. That is being drafted; it is in the stage of completion.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether all the community project areas have been provided with staff under this Organisation?

Shri Hathi: No, Sir. The evaluation officers are not stationed at all the project areas; they are stationed only in 18 centres.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know what part the Ford Foundation plays in this Organisation besides financing the community projects?

Shri Hathi: For training purposes they are being utilised.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know how many blocks have been selected for intensive evaluation?

Shri Hathi: At 18 centres, these evaluation officers are stationed.

NATIONAL EXTENSION SERVICE  
BLOCKS

\*941. Shri S. N. Das: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trained village level workers that various States have

been able to mobilise in the work of National Extension Service Blocks which were inaugurated on the 2nd of October, 1953;

(b) what is the target fixed for each State in this respect for the period of Plan; and

(c) which of the States have been able to organise and man all the National Extension Service Blocks organisations with suitable workers at all levels?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 56.]

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know the number of training centres that have been started in the States and their capacity for training?

**Shri Hathi:** There are 34 training centres. The annual outturn will be about 4,500 village level workers trained.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know the source from which instructors are being recruited for these training centres, and whether they are qualified and up to the mark?

**Shri Hathi:** The recruitment is generally done by the State Governments concerned. They generally take people from co-operative organisations and from the Revenue Department. They also take some fresh recruits who have an agricultural background.

**Shri S. N. Das:** Out of the total number of village level workers that have been made available to the various States, may I know how many village level workers have been trained up to the mark? Or is it the case that they have been selected from some Departments of the Government?

**Shri Hathi:** Some of them are selected from the Department. Some of them are recruits who are sent for training.

**Shrimati Sushama Sen:** May I know if South Bhagalpur comes under the National Extension Service and if the villagers there will get chances of receiving training?

**Shri Hathi:** I would require notice for that.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether in the centres in which no village level worker has been appointed no work has been started. For instance, in West Bengal no village level worker has been appointed, although the target is mentioned as 700 workers. Do I take it that no work has been started there?

**Shri Hathi:** No. That is not the position. The trained workers are not there: that is all.

**Shri Muniswamy:** May I know the total amount actually spent so far by these national extension service blocks?

**Shri Hathi:** There are about 190 blocks selected this year and for each block the expenditure is Rs. 7½ lakhs for three years.

MAHATMA GANDHI *Samadhi*

\*942. **Shri S. N. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state whether Government have since approved the design prepared by the Gandhi Memorial Designs Committee?

(b) What further progress has been made in this matter?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):**

(a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to seek the advice of some experts, before the matter is further considered.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know the number of foreign architects who have been consulted in this connection so far?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** Not many. I think that just one architect was consulted at one stage, but his proposals were not approved.