

Relief Centres for Women in Tripura

*1996. **Shrimati Renu Chakravartty**: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been received from the Tripura *Gana Tantric Samiti* demanding the opening of test relief centres for women in the State :

(b) the action taken by Government ; and

(c) whether any portion of money sanctioned for test relief in Tripura has been earmarked to set up such centres for women ?

The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar) : (a) Yes. A representation was received from the *samiti* asking for centres to be opened to provide work to women affected by the floods in cottage industries such as Charkha spinning, Weaving, Tailoring, Rope and Soap making and Cane work etc.

(b) and (c). As these were long term proposals requiring planning and examination as to their feasibility, no immediate action was taken by the State Administration. No funds have been earmarked to set up such centres for women as the proposals could hardly be considered as measures for flood relief.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty : The hon. Minister said that because the schemes submitted were of a long-term nature, they were not very seriously taken up. May I know whether the Government would provide any short-term measures of relief like paddy husking etc. for giving immediate relief to the women ?

Shri Datar : So far as immediate relief measures are concerned, Government have taken a number of steps and have spent more than Rs. 5 lakhs from different sources.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty [What exactly are the schemes that have been formulated and put into practice for giving test relief to women in the State of Tripura ?

Shri Datar : So far as test relief is concerned, it is common to men and women sufferers. So far as women are concerned, these are the proposals that have been received and they would be considered as long-term aid.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty : The hon. Minister just now said that they would be considered as long-term measures. May I know if the Government has done anything to help the *Gana Tantric Samiti* to get help through Governmental institutions and

departments which have been allotted large amounts of money for doing welfare work, such as the Central Social Welfare Board ?

Shri Datar : I am not aware of any help having been given to this *Samiti*.

I. A. S. Emergency Recruitment

*1997. **Shri Gidwani** : Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 650 on the 13th August, 1956 regarding the postponement of I. A. S. Examination and state the reasons for postponing the same ?

The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar) : The last date for receipt of applications from candidates residing in India as originally fixed was the 16th June of 1956 and for those residing abroad 30th of June 1956. On account, however, of the decision to relax the qualifications prescribed in the first instance further time had to be given for receipt of applications. The last date for receipt of applications from candidates in India was accordingly fixed as the 7th of July 1956 and for candidates resident abroad 21st of July 1956. These changes rendered a postponement of the examination necessary.

Another reason of the postponement was the decision taken in July 1956 to conduct the examination at 21 centres abroad apart from London which was the only foreign centre originally planned. This decision was taken to enable Indians residing in the various countries abroad, particularly employees of our Missions abroad, to appear at the examination. Arrangements had accordingly to be made to conduct the examination at these centres and sufficient time had to be given to local candidates to apply for appearance at these centres.

Shri Gidwani : What is the total number of applications received ?

Shri Datar : The total number of applications received is 23,030.

Shri Gidwani : What are the centres of the examination and how much will be spent, if so many centres will be opened outside the country ?

Shri Datar : I cannot at present say what amount will be spent. In addition to London, there will be 21 centres abroad. There are also a number of centres in India. The examination will be held on the 20th December, 1956.

Shri Gidwani : May I know whether there will be any promotees also, apart from these candidates, who will not undergo any test or examination ? What will be the method of selection of the promotees ?

Shri Datar : The question of promotion is entirely different. In addition to these whom we are going to take through the Emergency Recruitment Board, we are also going to take a number of officers from the State services, especially executive officers.

Shri Gidwani : What will be the method of selection of such officers ?

Shri Datar : We shall call for particulars from the various State Governments. The U. P. S. C. will examine them and then we will appoint them.

Shri A. M. Thomas : The hon. Minister said that 23,030 applications have been received. May I enquire whether these applications have been scrutinised and whether the list of candidates eligible to sit for the examination has been prepared ?

Shri Datar : That work itself is going on.

Shri T. N. Singh : May I know why the qualifications were relaxed ? Was it because that possibly a sufficient number of candidates would not be available ?

Shri Datar : The qualifications were relaxed at the request of the hon. Members of this House and the other House.

Shri D. C. Sharma : In view of the fact that there will be about 23,000 candidates, has the U.P.S.C. evolved any scheme for ensuring uniformity in the matter of valuation of the answer books of the candidates ?

Shri Datar : The U. P. S. C. will be holding examinations in two papers and then they would make a selection of candidates for interview and personality test. Then they would be making recommendations to the Government of India.

Shri Jangde : Just now the hon. Minister said that the officers of the State Governments also will be taken on a promotion basis in this emergency recruitment. May I know whether the officers of the Central Government will also be taken ?

Shri Datar : The officers of the Central Government are also eligible through the normal channels.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy : May I know the number of posts that will be filled up and out of that number, what proportion will be given to promotees and what proportion to the others ?

Shri Datar : I can only give the approximate figures now. About 125 posts will be filled up on the basis of the

special Recruitment Board examination and the recommendations of the U.P.S.C. and about 230 to 250 would be taken from the State services by way of promotion.

Folk-arts and Crafts

***1998. Shri Shree Narayan Das :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of folk-arts and crafts has been taken up by the *Lalit Kala Akadami* ; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far and programme of work chalked out in this respect ?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) : (a) Yes, Sir. The work of survey of folk-arts and crafts has been taken up in West Bengal.

(b) The work of survey in West Bengal is nearing completion. The question of extension of similar work to other areas will be taken up after considering the report on the survey work done in West Bengal.

Shri Shree Narayan Das : May I know whether this work has been done by any special organisation or only by the workers of the Akadami ?

Dr. M. M. Das : This is not being carried out through any special organisation. An artist named Shri K. Mazumdar has been appointed to carry out this investigation and the *Lalit Kala Akadami* has issued a questionnaire about it.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : अभी मंत्री जी ने बताया कि वेस्ट बंगाल में ही यह कार्य किया गया है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि शेष क्षेत्रों में इस कार्य को कब तक हाथ में लेने की कोशिश की जायेगी और क्या इस सम्बन्ध में जो भिन्न भिन्न क्षेत्रों में वहाँ की कुछ संस्थायें हैं, उन से भी सहायता लिए जाने की योजना है।

Dr. M. M. Das : I will draw the attention of the hon. Member to the reply that has been given in reply to the original question. The question of extension of similar work to other areas will be taken up after considering the report on the survey work done in West Bengal.

Seth Govind Das : When ?

Dr. M. M. Das : I said the work will be completed when the final report has been submitted. We expect that the final report will be submitted very soon