

of Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Tamilnadu, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Assam and Delhi. There are 5 associated experts in the concerned field. How long they will take, we are not in a position to say just now. The Ministers names are : Shri Sibte Razi, Minister for Education, Lucknow ; Shri TM Jacob, Minister for Education, Trivandrum; Shri C. Aranganayagam, Minister for Education, Madras ; Shri Hasmukh Patel, Minister for Education, Gandhinagar.....Shri Ali Mohammed Naik, Srinagar; Shri Sukhjinder Singh, Chandigarh ; Shri Mukut Sarma, Gauhati and Shri Kula Nand Bharti, Delhi.

Regarding the experts, they are Dr. (Mrs.) Tamarajakshi of the Planning Commission, Prof. Gautam Mathur of IAMR, Dr. V.C. Kulandaiswamy of Madras, Dr. Bhabatosh Dutta of Calcutta and Prof. Ashok Chandra Educational Advisor.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : All the Members may be laid on the Table !

MR. SPEAKER : Members, not the names ? Is the Table sufficient enough to accommodate all of them ?

SHRI S.M. BHATTAM : Earlier some studies were undertaken by the Planning Commission and other Bodies as far as man-power planning is concerned. Does the Government now feel it necessary to supplement the efforts made earlier ? Why do they want to take up this exercise now ?

This is in connection with vocationalisation. This study is undertaken only for that purpose. Earlier, as far as vocationalisation is concerned, NCERT and other Bodies had also taken some initiative and did some work. Do the Government think that sufficient work has not been done ? In what manner do they want to do it now and how do they want to fill up the gap ? When do they hope to do this ?

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI : The names of the Members can be placed on the Table of the House, if the Members so desire.

Two Groups have been set up. They are already constituted by the hon. Minister. They will consider about man-

power projeccion and vocationalisation and about imparting of more education. The Groups will be meeting on the 25th and 26th November. They shall be studying the various aspects and having discussions in detail and we expect some formulations and some ideologies to come out, and emerge out, of the deliberations which are taking place shortly.

SHRI S.M. BHATTAM : My question is not answered. The study of man-power planning was earlier done by the Planning Commission. Does the Government find it wanting ? In what respect they find it wanting, in what manner do they want to undertake this exercise and in what manner do they want to augment it ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.V. NARSIMHA RAO) : This was a decision taken Education Ministers conference. In pursuance of this decision, these Committees have been set up. When the meeting takes place, naturally the Committees would look back into the past as to what work has been done on these subjects. I know that considerable work has been done. All that will be taken into account while having the new educational policy formulated. Planning is not done either by the Ministry of Education or by the Planning Commission alone. There are so many other agencies also involved in this. Whatever input has come already, that will go into our consideration and I would like to assure the hon. Member that as quickly as possible we will come to conclusions because it is not just a debating matter. It will have to result in concrete proposals and decisions.

Maintenance of House of Ghalib and Mazar of Zauq

*69. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOJ ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the house of the great Indian poet Ghalib in Delhi is in shambles and houses a coal depot and that a public lavatory has been built over the Mazar of Zauq, another great Indian poet ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to preserve and maintain the house of Ghalib and the Mazar of Zauq as a memorial to the great poets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) :

(a) The site where the house of the great poet Ghalib was situated is under private occupation and there is nothing that could be taken over and protected. The site, where the grave of the other great poet Zauq is reported to have existed was part of a graveyard and the exact spot where he was buried is not identifiable. Major part of the graveyard now consists of living quarters.

(b) The site where the house of poet Ghalib was located was inspected in the past with a view to its possible acquisition and protection, but it was found that only a dalan and a few arches have survived, and even these are beyond repairs. The site has undergone extensive changes and is now under private possession. Similarly there are no structural remains of the Mazar of Zauq worthy of being protected and preserved.

[Translation]

SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOJ ALI KHAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, Zauq and Ghalib lived in Delhi. It is really regrettable that the hon. Minister has not been able to give a complete reply to my question. She has not stated in her reply in which part of Delhi Mirza Ghalib's house was situated and where in Delhi Zauq's Mazar was located. As far as my information goes, a lavatory has been built over the Mazar of Zauq and Mirza Ghalib's house is now a coal depot. I want to know whether Government are taking any action in this regard to evict those people from there and to convert it into a national monument thereafter ?

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI : I share the concern of the hon. Member, as they were our great poets whom we respect a lot. At present, the factual position with us is that the Government had seriously considered the question of the house of Ghalib in 1959 and the then Minister of

Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs, Prof. Humayun Kabir had personally visited that site. After inspection of the site, it was found that in spite of our being sentimental about it, there was nothing which could be acquired as a national monument.

SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOJ ALI KHAN: Ghalib's house is located in Ballimaran. A tenant by the name of Fakhruddin Ahmad lives there and runs a coal depot there. I can show you the 'Statesman' of the 25th which carries his photograph which clearly shows that he is weighing coal in his coal depot there.

It is true that you have set up Ghalib Academy and Research Institute ; all this was necessary too, but when Ghalib was invited to have his abode in some other country, he had replied that how could it be possible for him to leave the streets of Delhi. It is a matter of regret that many other monuments are being erected, but there is no monument of Ghalib and Zauq. Setting up a Ghalib Academy and Institute alone is not enough.

I shall request through the hon. Speaker that a monument of Ghalib and Zauq should also be built. Today, lavatories have been built over the Mazar of Zauq ; you can get them removed.

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI : I appreciate your sentiments. According to the information which we have with us now, all these things are in private possession and a coal depot etc. is being run there. So far as the other part of your question is concerned, I shall again pay attention to it and if there is any possibility, we shall certainly consider it.

[English]

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : You do not hand over 'Ghalib' to the bureaucrats. You please take the initiative.

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER . Shrimati Krishna Sahi.

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : Mr. Speaker, I shall request you to see part (b) of my question wherein I wanted to know from the hon. Minister what action Government had taken ?

MR. SPEAKER : You first put the question. You want to board the train before you have bought the ticket.

Underground Railway for Delhi

*70. SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;

(a) whether the Railway Reforms Committee recommended underground railway for Delhi ; and

(b) if so, action taken thereon by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Urban Development, the nodal Ministry for Urban Transport Schemes do not favour an underground railway corridor for Delhi at the present juncture as it is a highly capital intensive proposition.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : I wanted to know what action Government had taken. In reply to part (b) of my question, the hon. Minister has stated that the Ministry of Urban Development do not favour an underground railway corridor for Delhi as it is a highly capital intensive proposition.

(Interruptions)

I do not know English.

What I wanted to know was what action has been taken by his Department ? In the reply, he has mentioned the name of Urban Development Ministry. Still, I want to say that with the increase in population, the pressure of traffic in the Metropolitan cities is increasing and the environment is also being polluted. I want to know from the hon. Minister whether in view of all these problems, the late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi had announced in 1982 that Underground railway facility would be provided in the metropolitan cities of the country ? If so, what action has since been taken by the Department ?

SHRI BANSI LAL ; I am not aware of any such announcement having been made by the Prime Minister. So far as the

Railway Ministry is concerned, it also concurs with the Ministry of Urban Development.

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : Concur with what, also state that.

SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Krishna had always been masculine and Bansi feminine but here it is the other way round.

MR. SPEAKER : Bairagiji, things are topsy turery these days.

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Department had done a lot of work in 1972. For example, it was said that underground railway would be laid in Connaught Place in three directions and that an underground junction would be built under the Regal park. It was followed by visits of an Indian Study Team to foreign countries. A survey was also undertaken. Therefore, I want to know how much money has been spent since 1972 by the Railway Ministry on the survey of underground railway project, foreign tours of high officials and other arrangements ?

MR. SPEAKER : She has studied it thoroughly. We shall certainly nominate her as a Member of the Committee if one is constituted in future.

SHRI BANSI LAL : I do not have figures as to how much money was spent, but as I had stated earlier, recommendations were made to lay underground railway line here. We sent that to the Urban Development Ministry. They told us that it required an amount of Rs. 2000 crores. It is because of this that we are not prepared to take it up for the time being.

... (Interruptions) ...

MR. SPEAKER : What more is there to ask ?

AN HON. MEMBER : Bring the entire Delhi Underground.

[English]

SHRI D.N. REDDY : Does the Government have any intention to nationalise mini railways ?

MR. SPEAKER : It does not pertain to the question.