

**Committee to look into Jawaharlal
Nehru University**

*727. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee, headed by Dr. V. S. Jha, has been appointed to go into the functioning of Jawaharlal Nehru University;

(b) if so, what is the justification for constituting this Committee;

(c) what are its aims and objectives; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to implement its recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) to (d). Considering the fact that about 10 years had passed since the setting up of the Jawaharlal Nehru University and considering the desirability of making an assessment of its working during this period with a view to planning its future development in keeping with the objectives of the University; the Executive Council of the University, at its meeting held on July 12, 1979 resolved to set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. V. S. Jha with the following terms of reference:

(a) to review the working of the University since its inception in the light of the objectives stated in the first Schedule of the Jawaharlal Nehru University Act;

(b) to assess the achievements of the University in the realisation of these objectives and to suggest steps necessary to consolidate and improve upon them;

(c) to note handicaps, shortcomings and failures in the academic and administrative functioning of the University, to

ascertain the reasons thereof and to propose remedies necessary for a more effective functioning of the University in future; and

(d) to recommend the lines of growth and development of the University in the next decade consistent with the objectives stated in to Jawaharlal Nehru University Act.

The Committee was actually set up on March 12, 1980 under the Chairmanship of Dr. V. S. Jha and with the following members:—

1. Dr. M.S. Gore, Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay.
2. Prof. M. V. Mathur, Director, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi.
3. Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, Formerly Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, now Member, Planning Commission, New Delhi.
4. Dr. J. N. Kaul, Consultant, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi.

The Committee was requested to submit its Report within a year.

As the Committee has been set up by the University, it is primarily for the University to implement its recommendations. In case any recommendation of the Committee involves action on the part of the Government, the same will be given due consideration.

Central Housing Loans to State Governments

*728. SHRI BRAJIMOHAN MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the amount of financial assistance in the shape of block loans and