

**Octroi in Municipalities**

\*987. **SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA:** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that study team sponsored by his Ministry has recommended retention of Octroi in municipalities covering a population of above two lakhs and its abolition in smaller towns;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH):** (a) A recommendation to this effect has been made by the National Council of Applied Economic Research in the report of a study of resources of Municipal bodies sponsored by the Ministry of Works and Housing.

(b) and (c). The recommendation, along with others, is being examined in consultation with the State Governments and Union Territories.

**Dave Committee on Alleged Irregularities of J.N.U. Hostel**

\*960. **SHRI C. CHINNASWAMY:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University appointed in 1978 a Committee headed by Prof. J. M.

1. Prof. J.M. Dave,  
School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal  
Nehru University.
2. Dr. K. C. Upadhyaya,  
Assistant Professor, School of Life Sciences,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University.
3. Mr. R. Borges,  
Assistant Professor, Centre of French Studies,  
School of Languages, Jawaharlal Nehru  
University.

Dave to go into the irregularities of the hostels and messes in the Jawaharlal Nehru University;

(b) if so, the names of members of the Committee and their official status;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report and if so, the salient features thereof; and

(d) the action which the Government and University have taken on this report?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN):** (a) It is a fact that a Committee headed by Prof. J. M. Dave was appointed by former Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University on February 26, 1979 with the following terms of reference:

1. To review the working of the Hostels;

2. To suggest ways and means for improving the present conditions of the Hostels;

3. To examine the structure of hostel administration and specifically consider the mode of appointment of suppliers for the messes;

4. To suggest ways and means for improving the management of the stores and distribution of supplies, the mechanism of pricing and mass billing and the stock verification procedures.

(b) The names of the Members of the Committee and their official status are as follows:

Chairman

Dean of Students' Nominee

Nominee of the President, Jawaharlal Nehru  
University Teachers' Association.