

की दृष्टि से सारे हिल्ली एरियाज में हिमाचल प्रदेश का पहला स्थान है। इसलिए टूरिज्म को बढ़ावा देने के लिए आप गाड़ी चलाने का प्रावधान करेंगे या नहीं? यह भी बताएं कि इसकी जांच होने की मियाद कब तक है?

SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY : The proposal was discussed in August, 1982 among the Ministry of Tourism, Railways and the Government of Himachal Pradesh. After the various points that I have mentioned have been examined, the Ministry of Tourism and Railways will jointly take a decision in regard to the introduction of the proposed train.

MR. SPEAKER : Q. 894—Shri Nawal Kishore Sharma...Absent. Q. 895—Shri N.E. Horo...Absent. Q. 896—Shri Ram Lal Rahi...Absent.

Again a hat-trick today?

U.G.C. Grants to Calcutta University

*897. **SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission team has visited the Calcutta University for the Sixth Plan and made its recommendations to the authorities for the allocation of Grants to the University; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) and (b) The Sixth Plan Visiting Committee of the University Grants Commission visited the Calcutta University from April 25-28, 1983 to examine and assess the development needs of the university. Its recommendations are yet to be finalised and submitted to the Commission.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : Sir, there has been an inordinate delay on

the part of the UGC to send a team to the Calcutta University, though the University had sent its proposal for its development as early as 1980, January, 1980. I am happy now that a team has visited there recently. So, I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether the request made by the University to give a grant of Rs 7/- crores for the total Six Plan period will be considered favourably by the Central Government.

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are certain norms and procedures for giving grants to the Universities. The University Grants Commission has divided the Universities into three categories—Universities that get a development grant of Rs. 1 crore, Universities that get a development grant of Rs. 75 lakhs and the Universities that get a grant of Rs. 50 lakhs. Now, the Calcutta University besides others have got a grant of Rs. 1 crore. Then there are other programmes; and if they follow up the programmes, it is called the assistance for implementing special programmes for improving the quality of higher education. Then there are programmes for the support for research, assistance for development of post-graduate centres, assistance for development of engineering and technology, programmes and assistance for development of colleges affiliated to the University. Now, if the University has all these programmes, they will get extra funds to carry out these activities.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : Sir, after hearing the answer of the Hon. Minister which she has given just now, I would like to know whether, considering the vastness of the University and the big student population and besides there being other heads under which the grants are given, the Hon. Minister is going to consider the University's requirement of Rs 7/-crores for its Sixth—Plan period. This is their main requirement for its day—to—day functioning.

My second question is that the University is constructing a new campus. During the Fifth Plan the UGC granted Rs. 35 lakhs to the Education Department to construct a building of its own. They have not spent that money only to construct a

building in the proposed integrated campus area. Now, I want to know whether the Hon. Minister is going to release that money in the Sixth Plan or not. I understand that you are not in favour of releasing that money, but we would request you to release that money to start a new campus there.

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, originally this request was to start a new campus in Salt Lake area and the UGC had given a grant of Rs. 1 crore. But the University could only take up about Rs. 46 lakhs and the rest they did not. This is my view that if the state had helped them to have land free, all this Rs. 1 crore, would have been used for constructing this new University along with the other activities that they want to have there.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY : Sir, the Hon. Minister just informed us that Rs. 1 crore of public money had been given to the Calcutta University. Sir, I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether there is any method of assessing, how this money is being used in terms of research output. I ask this question because the Minister must be aware that there are a large number of complaints that the research output of the Calcutta University is largely Marxist, and non-Marxist literature is not being given research grant. Is the Minister aware of it, and if so, is there any objective way of looking at it?

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL : A committee is already there.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY : Which Committee.

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL : There is a Visiting Committee.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY : Please tell me when it was set up, and who are in it. I am entitled to know it. Rs. 1 crore are going just to finance Marxist research. (*Interruptions*) She has the information as to who is there in the Visiting Committee.

MR. SPEAKER : Send all the particulars to the hon. Member, Please.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : What about research in the other universities?

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY : I do not mind research in Marxist literature, but it should not be to the exclusion of research on subjects like freedom struggle.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Sir, this very morning you presided over a function where you had said certain things about Karl Marx. I wish he was present there. Even if he were present, he did not understand.

The Calcutta University is the oldest University. It has 70 departments, it comprises 800 teaching staff. The strength of the post-graduate students is about 15,000, and the under graduate strength is 2-2/2 lakhs, approximately. The State Government has given 90 acres of land in Alipore—Mr Ghani Khan Chaudhary is also aware of it—for the purpose of erecting this new Campus, which is now spread over, and distributed in seven different places all over the city, creating a good deal of inconvenience to the students.

When the State Government has given 90 acres of land, and the University has drawn up plans and programmes for the erection of the new Campus according to the Ghani Committee recommendations which was constituted much earlier, will the Central Government consider giving a grant of Rs. 15 crores in the 6th Plan for the purpose of erecting this Campus? We are in the third year of the 6th Plan. The Visiting Committee has gone now. Two and a half years have already elapsed before that Committee could go. Is there such a proposal before the Government? Will Government sympathetically consider it?

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL : There has been delay in sending the Visiting Committee, no doubt, to various Universities. It is not only the Calcutta University that has received the Visiting Committee. There

are other Visiting Committee. UGC has sent these committees to get their reports. The delay was there because the appointment of the Visiting Committee took some time. Also, the formulation of guidelines regarding the things to be taken note of, etc. took some time.

Dr. Swamy wanted names of the members of the Visiting Committee.

MR. SPEAKER : You can send it to him.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : My question about new campus has not been answered.

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL : The new campus, I believe is the Alipur campus which you are talking about and not the Salt Lake. That is in the old jail. But, why do you like to go into the jail ?

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : We are not going to the jail. That huge land is being made available where the previous jail was. The jail is being modernised. It is being shifted. The Minister thinks that the University is going to the jail. No, Sir.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY : You have admitted that the Marxist Government has modernised the jail.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : We don't take notice of this. 90 acres of land will be made available by the State Government for the erection of this campus. Mr. Ghani Khan Chaudhari knows the area. It is not going into the jail. If this is your idea in sanctioning our scheme, I do not know where we stand. Will you please find out whether they would consider it favourably ?

(Interruptions)

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL : Actually, it is the responsibility of the State Government to go into the details of setting up of a university. But we are willing to give fund for the programmes that I had mentioned just now—five programmes. Any amount of money can be given if it is utilized in a good way and if it gives results.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : It is a question of thinkings.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Swamy, you don't get tempted and go to West Bengal because of the modernisation of jail.

(Interruptions)

SHRI NIREN GHOSH : He says, We have modernised the jail. He will be put in the jail.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Let us not pollute the jail by taking him there.

(Interruptions)

Filaria and steps to Cure it

*898. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the places in the country where people are largely affected by Filaria ;

(b) whether Government are aware that this disease is on the increase ; and

(c) the proposal under consideration of Government for the effective prevention and cure of this disease ?