

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: All right, that has been expunged already.

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES OF OFFICERS OF PARLIAMENT BILL

The Minister of Law and Minority Affairs (Shri Biswas): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the salaries and allowances of certain Officers of Parliament.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question is:

“That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the salaries and allowances of certain Officers of Parliament.”

The motion was adopted.

Shri Biswas: I introduce the Bill.

GENERAL BUDGET—GENERAL DISCUSSION—Contd.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The House will now proceed with the further consideration of the General Budget.

I propose to call the hon. Minister to reply at 6-30 P.M. He will have an hour's time till 7-30 P.M. So, the other Members will have their turns to speak before 6-30 P.M.

Yesterday, Mr. Muniswamy was on his legs. He will now resume his speech.

Shri Muniswamy (Tindivanam): I was saying yesterday that the Budget is based on the Five Year Plan, for the implementation of which the hon. Finance Minister has repeatedly stated that he seeks public co-operation. But I am at a loss to understand what attempts have been made to enlist public co-operation. It has been stated in the Five Year Plan that they have organised two associations, viz. the Bharat Sewak Samaj, and the National Advisory Board. As far as I know these two associations have been formed with the help of men belonging to one party only, and I must say that the whole thing has been done without any consultations with the leaders of all the other parties.

Looking into the Budget and its allotments, I must ask one question. What is meant by family planning?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I find that there is so much of noise in the House. If hon. Members want to carry on conversations, they will go into the lobby and do so. We are not able to hear anything legitimately talked in the House.

Shri Muniswamy: In the Five Year Plan, an allocation of Rs. 65 lakhs has been made for family planning. As far as I remember, it has been discussed in the recent Conference at Bombay that family planning is an indirect way of advocating and supporting birth-control. It has been said by those who follow Gandhian ideologies, that Gandhiji was dead against this birth-control. It has not been explained clearly in the Five Year Plan, how this sum of Rs. 65 lakhs is going to be spent.

Coming to Education, in the Budget they have allotted only 40 lakhs for scholarships. In the recent list of scholarships published, not a single candidate from the backward communities from Tamil Nad has got it. So many castes, who are not really backward at all, have been included in the list of backward classes. In this connection, I would like to say one thing. The washerman community, which has a population of seven or eight lakhs in the Madras State, and the barber community have not been included in this list. This is an anomalous position. In all the other provinces, Madhya Pradesh, Bombay, etc., these communities have been included in the scheduled classes whereas in the Madras State, they have been brought into the list of backward communities. A memorandum was submitted to the Prime Minister when he was in Hyderabad. I request that these people should be brought in the list of scheduled classes immediately.

I would like to say something about the Archaeological Department. I can say that the money spent on the Archaeological Department is a sheer waste. There is the Nandikonda project. Formerly in Nagarjunakonda archaeological survey was carried on. They have spent thousands of rupees in Nagarjunakonda. If Nandikonda project is realised, the whole of Nagarjunakonda will, they say, be submerged in water. As far as I know, Government has not taken any steps to preserve the relics found in Nagarjunakonda. At this rate it is a sheer waste.

There are many more items which have not been attended to. Regarding this archaeological survey, I had a talk with the Director. They are spending money only in Northern India. In South India, especially in the Madras State, we have Kaveripumpattinam, Korkai and Madura where the Cheras, Cholas and Pandyas ruled. They are not doing any survey in these places at all. It does not mean that I am too pessimistic. There must be equal distribution. Either the