

(iii) To study the adequacy of the existing provisions of Law to deal effectively with the offenders and to make recommendations in this regard.

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR : Do Government think they will be able to solve this problem by appointing this sort of committee? In the past, a number of committees had been appointed. How long will this Committee function, and will the recommendations they make be implemented or not?

SHRI T. A. PAI : In view of the large number of complaints regarding this matter, my predecessor had assured the House that a Committee of MPs would be constituted to look into it. We shall also associate some management experts with this because the problem is not merely to look into complaints of corruption etc. but to find out why exactly these troubles arise. I can assure the House that this Committee has been appointed seriously with the object of trying to see that these difficulties are got over.

Shifting of Western Railway Headquarters from Bombay to Ahmedabad

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*130. **SHRI D. P. JADEJA :**
SHRI VEKARIA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to shift the Western Railway Headquarters from Bombay to Ahmedabad or any other place ; and

(b) if so, the time by which it will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

MR. SPEAKER : The Question Hour is over.

SHRI D. P. JADEJA : May I ask a Question ?

MR. SPEAKER : Not after I have declared the Question Hour Over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Expenditure on celebrating Gandhi Centenary Year

*101. **SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount spent by the Government of India on the celebrations in connection with the Gandhi Centenary Year ; and

(b) the break-up of this amount, State-wise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a) The Government of India paid grants amounting to Rs. one crore, eighty eight lakhs and ninety one thousand to the National Committee for the Gandhi Centenary for the celebrations.

(b) The National Committee did not earmark funds state-wise or book expenditure state-wise. The Committee incurred the expenditure through its Central Office and various Sub-Committees which functioned on an All-India basis. The State Committees for the Gandhi Centenary undertook programmes of their own at the State level from their own resources.

पटना में पेय जल की भारी कमी

*102. **श्री रामाबतार शास्त्री :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पटना में तथा बिहार राज्य के दूसरे प्रमुख नगरों और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पेय जल की भारी कमी है ;

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकार ने पानी की कमी दूर करने की योजना को सफलतापूर्वक क्रियान्वित के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार से कोई सहायता मांगी है ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो तत्संबन्धी मुख्य बातें क्या हैं और उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?