

have been awarded. Is this the type of teaching given to the students? I would like to have a specific reply on this, Sir.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): I submit that this Centre had been in a very bad shape. There is no denying the fact that there had been a lot of bickerings and indiscipline, as a result of which the Centre was not working in a proper manner. Two committees have gone into its working. One was the Srivastava Committee in the year 1978. After the report of the Srivastava Committee was received on how to better the working of this Centre, it was kept under observation also. Then the V.S. Jha Committee had also gone into it and it was decided that the Centre seemed to be incorrigible and that was why the working of the Centre was suspended. But since this is an important Centre, later on certain other committees were also set up. In particular, the Committee headed by Dr. Ramanna had gone into the matter and it was decided that the Centre should be revived. But the efforts made by the University to get a proper professor have not yielded results for the last five to six years. As mentioned in the main answer, efforts are being made to revive the Centre.

It is, of course, not possible for me to work out the expenditure on each and every student because the expenditure is incurred on the staff and the students both. But it does appear that the expenditure has not been in proportion to the staff and the students in the Centre. This is the state of affairs and there is no denying the fact.

SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI: No doubt, this is the fact. I am happy but my apprehension is that Rs. 25 lakhs were spent on 16 students who were awarded M.Phil and Ph.D. degrees. This comes to about Rs. 1.50 lakhs per student per year. And the outcome is almost nil. In our country there are institutions and schools which do not have even the minimum requirements like black-boards, sitting accommodation, etc. The Government should come forward to

see that those schools are also provided all the amenities so that illiterate masses also can benefit.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: The point is that the expenditure incurred is from the year 1971 onwards. Also, this expenditure is not merely on the students alone but on the staff, laboratories and other equipment as well. So, it is not proper that we should work out the expenditure at the rate of Rs. 1.50 lakhs per student, taking the total number of 16 students into consideration. These 16 students were those who had obtained M. Phil and Ph.D. degrees. There are also students who are still continuing research without getting the degree. So, this is not a proper parameter by which it could be judged. Since it is not possible to work out the expenditure per student, we have not been able to give the details. It is not the intention of the Government to hide the facts. The Public Accounts Committee has also gone into it and commented about the working of the Centre. In fact, its report itself is there. Therefore, the assessment of Rs. 1.5 lakhs that is now being made does not appear to be correct.

International Exchange of Faculty at National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad

*28. **SHRI G. BHOOPATHY†:**
SHRI MANIK REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any facility for International Co-operation and Exchange of Faculty Members is available at the National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved from this programme of exchanges and visits;

(c) whether any separate boarding and lodging facilities exist on the campus of the Institute for such visiting faculty members from abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):

(a) to (d). A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad does not have any programme for exchange of Faculty at international levels.

The Institute, however, had a three-year collaboration arrangement with British institutes from 1979-80 to 1982-83 under which British assistance was provided for Faculty development of NIRD and for services of British experts in designing training programmes, acting as resource persons and advising on research efforts with the Institute.

This arrangement has been extended for a further period of three years from 1986-87. The extended arrangement also provides assistance from British experts on the establishment of training of trainers facility in NIRD, preparation of training modules for such training and training of staff of NIRD and selected state Institute of Rural Development in UK each year.

NIRD has found the collaboration arrangement with British institutes very useful for their Faculty development.

(c) and (d). No separate boarding and lodging facilities are provided for visiting experts from abroad.

[Translation]

SHRI G. BHOOPATHY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it appears from the statement furnished by the hon. Minister that British experts were

called for the development of this Institute and these experts provided some additional help also. I want to know that how much expenditure has been incurred by the Central Government on this account?

[English]

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: No financial assistance has come from this collaboration arrangement. The assistance came in the form of expertise. They have also sent their experts here for imparting training. We also sent out trainees for getting training in their institutions. So far we have sent fourteen middle and junior level faculty members of NIRD for long term and short term courses. The senior faculty members were also deputed to U.K. for study visits. All expenses - to and fro air fares, boarding, lodging etc. - were borne by the Government of U.K.

[Translation]

SHRI G. BHOOPATHY: My second question is about the poverty alleviation programmes like I.R.D.P., D.R.D.A. and R.L.E.G.P. etc. May I know whether there exist any arrangements for the training of the people working in these programmes? If such a training is being imparted, I want to know the category of the employees to whom this training is being given.

[English]

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: There is a facility for giving training for the grass-root level workers not only in NIRD but also in SIRD. So, the people are trained. For the benefit of the hon. Member I would give you the figures. At BDOs' level, the total number of people working in the country are 7630. The number of trained personnel are 2812 and about 4801 are to be trained. At EOs' level about 30,684 personnel are there and 6107 were trained. The number of village level officers are 1140 and about 15,342 officers are trained at SIRD level.