

श्री सोमपाल : क्या कदम उठाना चाहते हैं उसके लिए ?

श्री बलराम जाखड़ : देखिए हम उसको बढ़ावा देकर के, अब तो हमने लिम्लाइज कर रखा है। फिलहाल तो सिर्फ इतना ही होता है कि जब मौका ऐसा आता है कि जब दूध बिल्कुल सप्लाई नहीं होता तो हम उस पर बैन लगा देते हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN : You are not putting any control at the present moment.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR : There is no control whatsoever at the moment.

SHRI SOMPAL : They impose control whenever they like. That is our objection. Why should it be done only agricultural produce ?

श्री बलराम जाखड़ : सोमपाल, जी मैं यही तो कह रहा हूँ आपको कि फिर वही होता है कि यहाँ दूध मिलता नहीं है। पहले मैं सोचता हूँ कि कुछ ऐसा समाधान हो जिससे कि दूध उत्पादकों के हितों का संरक्षण हो और दूध की सप्लाई भी सुधर सके। इसलिए दोनों का अनुपात हमें बराबर रखकर करना पड़ेगा।

श्रीमती सुष्मा स्वराज : आप किसान को कन देते हैं और उपभोक्ता से जवादा लेते हैं।

श्री सहायति : आप जवाब न दें।

I want to make it clear that any interruption need not be replied to by the Minister.

बीच में जो बोलेगा उसका जवाब मंत्री जी को नहीं देना है। दया करनी चाहिए दूसरे लोगों पर जो अपना सप्लोमेंटरी करना चाहते हैं। इस वक्त की बात दूसरी है, आप जानते हों मुझे कहने की जरूरत नहीं है। आज आखिरी दिन है आज तो ठीक से रखो।

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Sir, may I know, through you, from the hon. Minister whether any in depth study has been made by this Government, because milk is a very important, essential item for the people, to reduce the cost of management and supply so that prices can be kept at a reasonable level. Second, has the Government made adequate plans in the 8th Five Year Plan to increase the supply of milk as milk is in short supply in Delhi as reported in press ? Third, is there any proposal to transfer the Delhi Milk Scheme to Delhi Administration ?

SHRI K. C. LENKA : Sir, we have already minimised the administrative cost of the Delhi Milk Scheme. So far as communication, transportation and other things are concerned, we have minimised their costs. The second point is, the suggestions given by the hon. Member is a good suggestion and the Government will consider as to whether it could be transferred to the Delhi Administration or not.

भारतीय समाज विज्ञान अनुसंधान परि- षद् के मामले

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डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय समाज विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद के बजट का अधिकांश भाग अधिकारियों तथा कर्मचारियों के वेतन तथा भत्तों पर खर्च कर दिया जाता है ;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान वेतन, भत्तों और यात्रा पर तुलनात्मक दृष्टि से कितना वार्षिक खर्च किया गया और अनुसंधान कार्य पर औसतन कितना खर्च हुआ ; और

(ग) संस्थान के प्रशासनिक व्यय को कम करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

*सभा में यह प्रश्न सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा द्वारा पूछा गया।

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) According to the information furnished by Indian Council of Social Science Research, about 15% of its total expenditure is spent on salary and allowances of its officers and staff. The Council incurred average annual expenditure of about Rs. 108 lakhs on salary, allowances and travel and about Rs. 490 lakhs on research programmes during the last three years. Consistent with Government instructions on economy, the Council has exercised utmost restraint in filling up new posts, and also made efforts to reduce other administrative costs.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA : Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of Human Resource Development to a news item published in *The Hindu* of 3rd January, 1992 about the ICSSR, which has referred to it as a white elephant. I was hoping that the Ministry would have seen this news item and gone into the charges levelled against this institution. The statement which is laid on the Table, however, is brief and discloses nothing. Therefore, I doubt whether they are looking into these charges. My first supplementary is, what type of research is being conducted, how many fellows have been appointed, how many fellows are working at present and what is the duration of this fellowship? Also, I would like to know whether the fellows complete their entire tenure at one stretch and submit their project for which they are appointed. I would like the Minister to answer this supplementary first.

SHRI ARJUN SINGH : Sir, I can supply the number of fellows appointed to the hon. Member later.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA :
For the last three years.

SHRI ARJUN SINGH : Yes, I will give you the information for the last three years. As for the subjects in which the research is being done, we have research in areas like support to publications, archives, research institutions. They deal mostly with the issues concerning agriculture, rural development, industrial restructure and so on. It has a wide spectrum of subjects—agriculture, rural development, industrial restructure, income distribution, poverty, ecology, environmental, social, cultural institutions and their development.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Sir, my second supplementary is, in the last three years, how many fellows have failed to complete their tenure? If there any penalty for not completing their project? How many projects have been completed during the last three years? Are these projects reported published? If not, what are the reasons for not doing so?

SHRI ARJUN SINGH : Sir, I will supply this information to the hon. Member.

डा० जिनेंद्र कुमार जैन : सर, मंत्री महोदय ने जो जवाब दिया है इसमें मुझे कुछ गड़बड़ लग रही है... (व्यवधान) जो आपने जवाब दिया है उसमें इन्होंने कहा है कि 15 परसेंट टोटल एक्सपेंस ऐडमिनिस्ट्रेशन के ऊपर है और जो बचे इसको स्टडी किया है—

The annual statement submitted by the Council reveals that about Rs. 1.5 crores out of a total of Rs. 7 crore received grant annually goes towards the expenditure on research grants and research fellowships. The purpose of this question was : Are we spending more money to conduct the research? The annual statement of accounts suggests that about 85% of the total amount is being spent on the maintenance of the organisation and a small amount, that is, only 15% is being spent on research. This is the outcome of the annual statement of accounts which the Council has revealed. But the Minister's reply is just otherwise —

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please put your question. Make it crisp.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN : This is a question : Is it so that only 15% of the money of the Council is being spent on research grants and 85% of the money is being spent on maintaining the whole structure of the Council?

SHRI ARJUN SINGH : The figures that I have for the last years are these : In 1988-89 expenditure was Rs. 682 lakhs of which salaries and allowances accounted for 97.16 and research programmes for 449.65. In 1989-90 the total expenditure was Rs. 685 lakhs of which salaries and allowances accounted for 110.53 and research programmes 510.17. In 1990-90 expenditure was Rs. 705 lakhs of which salaries and allowance accounted for 115.58 and research programmes 510.70.

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : May I know whether it is a fact that some research scholars and fellows of this institution continue their projects only to get their monthly allowances and perks and not to complete the projects, in time ? May I know from the Minister what exactly the term and conditions are for extending the period of the research scholar and fellows for completing their research work ?

SHRI ARJUN SINGH : Obviously when a research project is sanctioned, the whole project envisages certain timeframe. In which case this has been extended and the research not completed, if the honourable Member is kind enough to let me know, I will certainly find out and tell him.

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : This question of General Aurora raises a point which really is plaguing us in respect of so many projects, particularly in the field of education. The administrative expenses out the money allotted and really precious little is left for the real purpose which is research. In this particular case the position is really otherwise. In the connection I would request the Minister kindly to enlighten me on one point. He was saying, "Utmost care is taken in filling new posts", "Utmost restraint is exercised when new posts are created". When posts were created and they were not filled in time, is not the efficiency of the organisation impaired? Lastly, in which field, in the administrative field or in the research field, have these posts been created ?

SHRI ARJUN SINGH : As regard creation of posts I would first like to see a few words. About the general feeling or impression that in such institutions we are spending much more on the upkeep than "on the real objectives, I would say such a generalization perhaps would not be appropriate. But I agree with the honourable Member that we must keep a constant watch on this aspect because, if expenditure on the upkeep or the establishment goes up disproportionately obviously the real objective of research suffers. But in this case I have satisfied myself to the extent possible that this institution has not been guilty of that kind of a thing and the figures that I have already given do not bring out the matter in the manner the honourable Member has put.

Dr. R. K. PODDAR : The figures that the honourable Minister has given here show that 15 per cent of the total expenditure has been on salaries and allowances and the rest on research programmes. Now, I come to part (a) of my question.

I would like to know whether the amount that is sought to be expended on research programmes also includes the salaries and allowances of the research scholars and the institutions it maintains.

Part (b) of my question is what the relative percentage is. The Indian Council of Social Sciences Research maintains many other institutions also. So, individual research programmes are also funded by this Council. I would like to know whether the Minister can give any idea about the proportion of the money spent on institutions maintained by it and also on individual research programmes.

Now, I come to part (c) of my question.

MR. CHAIRMAN : How many parts are there ?

DR. R.K. PODDAR : Sir, there is a widespread feeling that the individual research scholars take up projects. They may finish them or may not finish them, but they do not submit any reports at all. I would like to know whether the Ministry can put this condition that such a research scholar or investigator will not get any fresh project from this Council if he defaults in one case.

SHRI ARJUN SINGH : Sir, the first part of this question is about the percentage of expenditure. I have given the percentage of expenditure of the Council. Now, if the question is about each research project that is sanctioned and the percentage thereof, I will have to find that out and I will find out research project-wise and I will certainly inform the honourable Member.

So far as the question of keeping this within certain limits and also keeping a tab on the research projects concluded and the results that are published is concerned, I agree with the honourable Member that it is a very important thing on which we have to keep an eye. Not only this, Sir. We have started a survey in all the institutions under my Ministry to find out whether the research programmes have been started and what the end-result of that project is and I will try to present a paper to the House some time later which will indicate what the position is. I am not trying to speak for anyone or trying to protect anyone. But I agree with the honourable Member that money is provided for research and so, it must produce some specific results.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 144.