

MR CHAIRMAN : Why do't you move for its repeal ?

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE : There are two ways in which it can be repealed. One way is not to operate the law at all. That is a better way than wasting the time of the House. In my part of the country, Bombay this is used only to provide flats, by requisitioning them, to VVIPs and that is very objectionable.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I think that is gone now.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE : For two or three years it is gone. Somebody was asked to enquire into something and he was allotted a flat in Bombay. Now in Delhi there are only 15 buildings left under requisition and acquisition. What I personally feel is that barring cases like that of the Khadi Board, the Government ought to issue guidelines-because I don't find from the answer that any guidelines have been given and he does not say that guidelines are there for requisitioning and de-requisitioning.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any guide lines ?

SHRI BUTA SINGH : In the list that I have given there is hardly any WIP...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Forget the WIP. What he wants to know is, are there any guidelines? Or did you make any guidelines?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: There are guide lines and also the provisions of this Act. As I said earlier also, the policy of the Government is that we go in for requisition only where it is essential. We are trying to accommodate our office buildings as well as residential quarters out of the Government of India's own pool. Only where it is essential we are going in for requisitioning. Look at the size of Delhi and the requisitioned properties are only 15 and even out of the 15, cases in respect of 3 are pending before court, which means virtually there are only 12. We

are ourselves keen to see that this process of requisitioning is not resorted to in essential cases.

Programmes / Courses on Gandhi and Sarvodaya in the J.N.U., Delhi

•163. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI :
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL :†

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has approved special grants to the Jawaharlal Nehru University to provide programmes/courses entitled "Gandhi and World" and "Gandhi and Sarvodaya" at the School of International Studies of that University ;

(b) whether the School had started these courses and programmes; and

(c) whether a delegation of the Jawaharlal Nehru University students met the Minister in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These courses will be introduced as soon as additional faculty positions are filled up.

(c) No, Sir.

DR. SHANTI G. PATEL : Various organisations and people have been requesting the Government of India for quite some time to start centres for Gandhian studies in various universities. One of these delegations met the Minister of Education sometime in 1982 led by Mr. Y.K. Ranjan and requested her to start such courses as early as possible. Thereafter, the University Grants Commission has also given necessary grants. But still a lot of delay is taking place. My information is that there is an effort on the part of some forces, *some* people,

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the house by Dr. Shanti G. Patel.

in this particular university to see that no independent centre is started for Gandhian studies but is made a part of another section or department of the university and that is how the study is sought to be made. Another aspect of this matter is that recently interest has been shown in Gandhian philosophy particularly after the exhibition of the film 'GANDHI' and it is very necessary that every university starts this course. If I may say so, it is a matter of shame that we have no single place where such a study is being systematically made and even where a grant has been given, there is delay taking place. May I know from the Minister as to how much time the university is going to take to start this particular course and that too as an independent course?

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL : The UGC had appointed a committee to consider the proposal received from the universities for the promotion of Gandhian studies. The Jawaharlal Nehru University had submitted a proposal for introducing such courses. The committee had observed that the objective is to broaden the international studies so that they may benefit from the Gandhian outlook. To say that no attention has been given to the study of Gandhian thought would not be quite correct because there are about nine universities all over India which have courses on the study of Gandhian thought and life. I may give the names: Karnataka University, Madurai Kamaraj, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Nagpur University, Punjab University, Sri Venkateswara University, Bhagalpur University and Sagar University are having these courses. Now the question comes about JNU. They have also given their recommendations; the School of International Studies have asked for this. And the Government is considering what to do. They have also asked the committee and the recommendation of this committee which was set up by the UGC recommendation is that a cell should be set up on Gandhian thought and further assistance will be considered after it has functioned!!

for two years. They have also recommended creation of one post of Visiting Professor, one post of Senior Fellow, one post of Junior Librarian, one Field Organiser; and some funds were also allocated. It said that Rs. 25,000 should be allowed as Contingency Grant, Rs. 45,000 for staff and library, and another Rs. 45,000/- for other purposes. The Commission considered these recommendations of the Committee set up by the UGC and decided to provide assistance to JNU to organise a programme of courses entitled "Gandhi and World" and "Gandhi and Sarvodaya". They have also suggested that there should be one Visiting Professor, one Research Associate, one Junior Research Fellow and sanctioned a sum of Rs. 30,000 for books and journals. This is what the UGC has allowed.

DR. SHANTI G. PATEL : My first part of the question remains unanswered.

Why is there not a separate centre and it is as part of another organisation? There are separate studies conducted in other subjects, for instance, on Soviet Union, some East European and certain American and western countries. That is what I wanted to know whether this will be started as a separate centre and not as part of an existing set-up.

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL : For the present it is going to be part of the School of Internal Studies. But it depends on the progress they make in these studies. Of course, then your suggestion will be considered.

DR. SHANTI G. PATEL : This is a very important subject; still it is being studied as part of a wider subject. Being a very important subject, does not the Minister consider it necessary that a separate centre should be started immediately? When the grant is available, this can be done early. Can she tell us when this will come into operation?

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL : The hon. Member must know that all these things are done by the University itself.

No direction is given from the Ministry of Education. It is entirely left to the University when and how to do it. We only help them out when they come forward with their programme.

डा० वृद्ध प्रताप सिंह : मान्यवर, आप के माध्यम से मैं सम्मानिता शिक्षा मंत्री महोदया से यह ज्ञात करना चाहता हूँ कि विश्व विद्यालय अनुदान आयोग ने जो समिति का गठन किया है उस के सम्मानित सदस्यों के नाम क्या हैं ?

श्रीमती शीला कौल : मान्यवर, यह कमेटी स्टैंडिंग कमेटी कहलाती है, इस को बने चार-पाँच माल हो गए हैं। इस कमेटी से लोग मुतलिफ है, यनीवर्सिटीज में देखने के लिए आते हैं। इस के मेम्बर हैं रामलाल पारीख, प्रो० माथर और श्री राधाकृष्ण :

DR. MALCOLM S. ADISESHIAH : When I was Vice-Chancellor of Madras University, I introduced Gandhian Studies as part of a network which was being considered by many Universities. The problem that I found was that Gandhian Studies, in the kind of utilitarian curriculum which the Universities have, did not fit in, in order to start it as an independent Department. Whatever we may think ideologically and spiritually about Gandhiji, the subject does not fit in to the university system.

And, Sir, employment is also not possible and, therefore, what I did was to make the Gandhian Studies a part of the Radhakrishnan Institute of Philosophy—it is the Department of Philosophy of the Madras University—where the students could offer Gandhian Studies as one of the papers. Now, Sir, I would like to state that in the case of the Commission's recommendations which you are making for the JNU, they are facing the same problem and they are making it a part of International Studies as one paper to be offered.

The second comment that I want to make is this : I am very glad to hear, if I am right in what heard, that the UGC at long last is now financing the Gandhian Study efforts of the University. When- I was the Vice-Chancellor, there was no provision like that and we had to find money from our own meagre resources because we believed in the importance of this and we had to find money from our own miserable resources.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I think there is no question in this. Mr. Mirza Irshadbaig Aiyubbaig.

श्री मिर्जा इशदबेग अयूबबेग : मैं मंत्री महोदया से जानना चाहता हूँ कि गुजरात विद्यापीठ में गांधी स्टडीज के नाम से यू जी सी द्वारा जो एलाउन्ड एमाउन्ट है क्या उस का वहाँ गलत ढंग से इस्तेमाल किया जाता है क्योंकि उस के अधिपति श्री मोरारजी देसाई हैं। क्या आप के ध्यान में यह बात आयी है कि इस एमाउन्ट का गलत ढंग से इस्तेमाल किया जाता है और राजनीतिक कामों के लिये किया जाता है लूज ढंग से ? और क्या यह मान्यमत भी मंत्री महोदया को है कि उत्तर गुजरात यूनिवर्सिटी की स्थापना के लिये कोई सिफारिशें आयी हैं गुजरात यूनिवर्सिटी द्वारा ? यदि हाँ, तो उस के लिये आप ने क्या परामर्श किया है और क्या निर्णय लिया है ?

श्रीमती शीला कौल : मान्यवर, जो माननीय सदस्य ने जिज्ञा किया है कि गुजरात विद्यापीठ के फंड्स के बारे में कुछ शिकायत आयी है तो मेरे पास इस संबंध में कोई इत्तला नहीं है और न मुझे किसी ने कोई खत लिखा है इस के बारे में। और दूसरे जो उत्तर गुजरात यूनिवर्सिटी के बारे में उन्होंने जानकारी चाही है तो वे यदि अलग से लिख कर

मुझे दे देंगे तो मैं पूरी सूचना उन को दे सकती हूँ ।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Mitra.

SHRI SANKAR PRASAD MAITRA: Sir, the honourable Minister has mentioned a number of Universities where Gandhian Studies are undertaking. In these Universities, are Gandhian Studies made in separate Centres or are they part of the courses on International Studies ?

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL : Sir, I mentioned about the different Universities which are having these courses and I would like to mention now that the Gujarat Vidyaapeeth has courses at the post-graduate level linked with courses in Indian Philosophy and the Madurai Kamaraj University has part-time certificate and diploma courses in Gandhian Studies and also MSc course is in the making. Karnataka University is having a diploma course in Gandhian Thought; Nagpur University is having a diploma course; Panjab University has post-graduate course diploma and M. Phil. courses; Shri Venkateswara University has two papers on Gandhian Ethics at BA level and on the Political Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi at MA level and also Philosophy of Gandhi as an optional paper at the MA level; Baghalpur University is having a course for MA in Gandhian Thought; and Sagar University has Gandhian Philosophy as a paper at the post-graduate level in the Department of Philosophy.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Hukmdeo Narayan Yadav.

श्री हुकमदेव नारायण यादव : सभापति महोदय, अभी शिक्षा मंत्री महोदय बता रही थीं कि लागू करने की जिम्मेदारी विश्वविद्यालय पर है । विश्वविद्यालय शिक्षा नीति को लागू करते हैं । विश्वविद्यालय स्वयं में शिक्षा नीति नहीं

बनाते । शिक्षा नीति बनाने की जिम्मेदारी सरकार पर है और विश्वविद्यालय उस नीति को अमल में लाते हैं । तो जब सरकार इस बात का संकल्प कर ले और तय कर ले कि हर विश्वविद्यालय को गांधी दर्शन पर एक स्टडी केन्द्र रखना होगा अगर सरकार की यह नीति बन जायगी तो सारे विश्वविद्यालयों को उस के अनुरूप कार्य करना पड़ेगा । जब तक सरकार यह निर्णय नहीं लेती तब तक अपनी मर्जी से जैसे बिहार में भागलपुर विश्वविद्यालय में शुरू किया है लेकिन पैसे के अभाव में विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग से जैसे जैसे उसमें काट छांट करके अच्छे स्तर पर काम नहीं हो पाता है । ऐसा नहीं होना चाहिए । बल्कि मैं सरकार से जानना चाहता हूँ कि शिक्षा नीति जो सरकार ने बनाई है उसमें इस बात का समावेश करके देश के सभी विश्वविद्यालयों में अनिवार्य रूप से गांधी दर्शन पर एक स्वतंत्र रूप में अध्ययन चालू किया जाए और उसके लिए विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग को कहे जिससे कि विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग इसकी पूर्ति कर सके ।

श्रीमती शीला कौल : मान्यवर, यह बेहतर होगा कि ये यूनिवर्सिटीज विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग को लिखें कि हम यह करना चाहते हैं, ये कैसेज चालू करना चाहते हैं और फिर नेचुरल है कि यू० जी० सी० हमको लिख देगी क्योंकि हरके चीज का एक प्रोसीजर होता है ।

*164. [The questioner Dr. (Shrimati) Najma Heptulla) was absent. For answer vide cols. 28-29 infra.]

*165. [The questioner (Shri N. P. Chengalraya Naidu) was absent. For answer vide Cols. 29 intra.]