

\*209. [The questioner (Sardar Narinder Singh Brar) was absent. For answer vide cols. 1635-36 *infra*.]

#### KABIR COMMITTEE

\*210. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question No. 188 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 1967 and state:

(a) whether Government have finally come to any conclusion in regard to the report of the Kabir Committee; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of the conclusion?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: May I know why the Government is taking so much time to finalise its consideration of the Kabir Committee Report on the Indian Statistical Institute? What is the reason for this delay in coming to some conclusion about the report?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: Sir, final decisions on most of the recommendations have been taken, except for those relating to the National Sample Survey. For instance, Sir, some 20 odd recommendations relating to statistical quality control, building and equipment organisation and management, budget and finance and some of the miscellaneous recommendations have been accepted wholly. Some 15 or 16 other recommendations, some on these very subjects and some on the planning division, research, training schools, etc., have also been accepted with some modifications. But about half a dozen recommendations have been found to be unacceptable. Some 18 or 20 recommendations are still under examination. These relate to budget and finance, national sample survey, organisation, etc. The recommendations relating to national sample

survey are to be considered shortly at a meeting that Prof. Gadgil, the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, will be holding with representatives of various Ministries and organisations. After that, the conclusions will be discussed with the representatives of the Institute.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: May I know from the hon. Prime Minister whether she would be pleased to assure this House that in the implementation of the recommendations which have been so far accepted, there will be no retrenchment or the condition of service of any of the employees there will not be adversely affected?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: Sir, when a deputation of M.Ps. and others came to see me in this matter, I assured them that we would do our best in this regard.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: May I know from the hon. Prime Minister whether, in view of the importance of the national sample survey in projecting our economic budget as well as our production, it is not very important that an immediate decision should be taken to get a correct perspective of the state of economy of the country?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: I agree with the hon. Member, Sir, and I hope that this matter will be decided soon.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

#### P.M.'S VISIT TO NEFA

\*211. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA MATHUR:†  
SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister recently visited NEFA;

\*The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Harish Chandra Mathur.