

SHRI OM MEHTA: I would like to know the names of the persons who have met Sheikh Abdullah since detention and what was . . .

SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI: I do not think I could have the list of all the people because the Madras Government also are entitled to grant the interview if they so choose.

SHRI OM MEHTA: I would like to know, with your consent.

SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI: Sir, two representatives from Sarvodaya met Sheikh Abdullah.

SHRI OM MEHTA: What was their mission?

(No reply)

PROF. SATYAVRATA SIDDHANTA-LANKAR: Is it not a fact—and I think the hon. Minister will admit that it is a fact—that Shri Jaiprakash Narain, when he speaks, is heard with great respect all over India and even across the borders of India?

AN HON. MEMBER: Especially in Pakistan.

PROF. SATYAVRATA SIDDHANTA-LANKAR: Now he has made this plea and the underlying idea under that plea is that man's mentality changes, Sheikh Abdullah has seen a great war, he has seen all his hopes and dreams shattered. Now, is it not possible. . . .

AN HON. MEMBER: Not yet.

PROF. SATYAVRATA SIDDHANTA-LANKAR: Let me put the question. Is it not possible that he might have changed his outlook and to ward off all the obstacles for his release, will it not be proper for the Government once and for all to come out with a statement that under these stipulated conditions only he would be released and not otherwise?

SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA: I do not know whether the hon. Member himself has some kind of touch with the mind of Sheikh Saheb and if he can guarantee that there is a change, that also will not suffice because we must have a direct response from Sheikh Saheb as to what he thinks of his role in this country. And so far, from all the sources that we were in touch with, I do not think that any such

change for the better has occurred. That is as far as our present knowledge goes. Change can take place any moment. Whenever that happens, certainly we will not be found wanting in making a response. But it has to be very definite and it cannot be just something conjectural.

“KALA NAGAR”

*228. **SARDAR RAM SINGH:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Lalit Kala Akademi has a scheme to set up a ‘Kala Nagar’ near Delhi to perpetuate the memory of late Jawaharlal Nehru; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Akademi's proposal, still under examination, envisages the establishment of an Art Village near the Capital, in which foreign countries will be invited to put up permanent pavilions. The Village will be the venue of international exhibitions of art to be held once every two or three years on the lines of famous biennales of world art held in Paris, Venice, Sao Paulo, Tokyo and elsewhere.

श्री गोडे मुराहरि : यह कला नगर है या काला नगर है ?

श्री भक्त दर्शन : यह ‘कला नगर’ है काला नगर नहीं ।

SARDAR RAM SINGH. May I know how much aid the Government is going to give to the Center and who will be manager of the Lalit Kala Akademi or the Government?

SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN: Sir, The proposal is still at the examination stage, no financial implications have been worked out and it will be arranged by the Lalit Kala Akademi.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether the site for the Art village has been selected?

SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN: No Sir, not so far. The negotiations are going on with the Delhi Development Authority.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: May I ask the Minister if he is aware of the fact that many assurances have emerged from him since he has come into the sphere of cultural activity, even into the sphere of these Akademis? He should tell us if any of those assurances given, including this one about this Art Nagar, is going to be ever implemented, because it is under consideration for more than a year now?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: I hope that my hon. friend will say which are the assurances which I have given that are not implemented. As regards this, we have taken up the question, before this Art Village is developed, of having the triennale of World Art during the winter of 1967-68. This exhibition is proposed to be held in all the available space in the art galleries of the country.

SCHOOLS IN TENTS IN DELHI

*229. **SHRI U. S. DUGAL:**
SHRI JAGAT NARAIN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools run by the Delhi Administration which are housed at present in tents;

(b) the average expenditure on tents per school and the total amount per annum which Government are spending on these tents; and

(c) whether Government have any scheme under consideration to provide pacca buildings for such schools?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) 41 schools are being run entirely in tents.

(b) Rs 2,75,356.33 paise. This amount is inclusive of the expenditure on schools running entirely in tents and those which are partly in buildings and partly in tents. No separate average expenditure on tents per school is readily available.

(c) There is a phased programme for construction of buildings for these schools.

श्री जगत नारायण : क्या वजीर साहब बतलायेंगे कि जैसा कि उन्होंने अभी-अभी बतलाया कि टेंट के स्कूलों के लिए बिल्डिंग

{The question was actually asked on the floor: the House by Shri Jagat Narain.

मुहय्या करने के लिए एक फेज्ड प्रोग्राम बनाया गया है। मैं यह पूछना चाहता हूँ कि यह काम कितने सालों में खत्म हो जायेगा?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: Sir, I will give you the phased programme.

Seven school buildings are under construction and will be completed before the end of this year. These will accommodate 10 schools. Sanction for the construction of eight school buildings has already been accorded during 1965-66 and on their completion these buildings will house 12 schools.

Four school buildings are included in the budget estimates for 1966-67 and administrative sanction for these buildings is still awaited by the Delhi Administration. These four buildings, when sanctioned and constructed, will house seven schools. Eleven buildings will still be left to be covered by the construction programme for housing the remaining 12 schools. Out of these 11 buildings, four sites are available for construction of buildings but these have not been included in the budget estimates for 1966-67 due to paucity of funds. Seven sites are still to be acquired for the remaining schools. So, this programme of shifting the schools in tents into these buildings should be completed within three or four years.

श्री जगत नारायण : अभी-अभी वजीर साहब ने बतलाया कि तीन चार सालों में सब टेंट वाले स्कूलों के लिए बिल्डिंग बनकर तैयार हो जायेगी। लेकिन मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि ये स्कूल जो टेंटों में चलाये जा रहे हैं, क्या वे वर्षा प्रूफ हैं, डस्ट प्रूफ हैं और हीट प्रूफ हैं?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: I know that it is not right that our children should study in tents. I realise it. We are doing our best to give them as many amenities as possible. And, as the hon. Member will see, we are pushing ahead with this programme which has to be a phased programme because of lack of resources and within two or three years, I can assure my hon. friend, there will be no tents, there will be no school which will be in the form of a tent and the children will not have to study in tents.