

If they are going to be in science subjects also, may I know how the difficulty of practicals is going to be solved?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI. The present proposal is that they should only be in arts subjects, but the University is examining the question whether it should take up science subjects also.

श्री भगवन नारायण भार्गव क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि दिल्ली युनिवर्सिटी के अतिरिक्त यहाँ और कालेज हैं जो पहले में कारेसपांडेंस कोर्स के द्वारा डिग्री देने का अपना विज्ञापन निकालने हैं ?

डा० कालू लाल श्रीमाली अगर वे निकालते हैं, तो उसके बारे में मुझे कोई इल्म नहीं है ।

ZONAL COUNCILS FOR THE PROPAGATION OF HINDI

*267. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether four Zonal Councils for the propagation of Hindi have been set up in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the functions of these Councils?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Voluntary Organisations concerned have been requested to take early steps for the setting up of the Regional Councils.

(b) These Councils are being set up (i) to provide a forum for discussion relating to common problems of

the Voluntary Organisations engaged in Hindi work and (ii) to promote co-operation amongst them.

श्री देवकीनन्दन नारायण क्या आदरणीय मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि यह काम जो आप वालंटरी आर्गोनाइजेशन की मार्फत जारी करना चाहते हैं, उन वालंटरी आर्गोनाइजेशन को आपसे क्या मदद मिलेगी ?

डा० कालू लाल श्रीमाली हमसे क्या मदद मिलेगी, यह प्रश्न था ?

श्री देवकीनन्दन नारायण जी हा ।

डा० कालू लाल श्रीमाली हम तो मदद दे रहे हैं ?

श्री देवकीनन्दन नारायण आपके स्टेटमेंट में यह लिखा है कि ये जो जोनल कौन्सिल बनेंगी, उन के बनाने का अस्थितार वालंटरी आर्गोनाइजेशन को होगा, तो ये जोनल कौन्सिल जो हिन्दी के लिये बनाई जायेंगी, इस काम में वालंटरी आर्गोनाइजेशन को आपकी तरफ से क्या फाइनेशियल मदद मिलेगी ?

डा० कालू लाल श्रीमाली मैंने आपसे निवेदन किया है कि फाइनेशियल मदद तो वालंटरी आर्गोनाइजेशन को मिनिस्ट्री अब भी दे रही है और जैसे जैसे काम का विस्तार बढ़ेगा, वैसे वैसे अतिरिक्त सहायता और दी जायगी ।

श्री देवकीनन्दन नारायण : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि वालंटरी आर्गोनाइजेशन की ओर से जो ये जोनल कौन्सिल बनाई जायेंगी, उनकी मर्यादा क्या होगी ?

डा० कालू लाल श्रीमाली मारे हिन्दुस्तान में इस वकत ऐसी सांस्कृतिक

संस्थाएँ हैं जो हिन्दी के प्रचार का काम कर रही हैं। उनका सीमा क्षेत्र अगर निर्धारित हो जाय, तो ठोस बन हो सकता है, और आपस में उनका सहयोग भी ज्यादा हो सकता है। इसी दृष्टि में उनका सीमा क्षेत्र निर्धारित किया जा रहा है। अगर यह बात निश्चित हो जाती है, तो उनकी मर्यादा यह होगी कि वे अपनी ही सीमा में इस काम को अच्छी तरह करें।

SHRI A D MANI I should like to know in how many of the southern States there has been a consistent demand that such Councils should be set up and whether the demand has had the backing of the State Governments

DR K L SHRIMALI We had called a conference of these organisations in 1960. The conference was held in 1960 and one of the suggestions which were made at this conference of voluntary organisations was that a forum might be created for the formulation of a co-ordinated plan of action for the future, and they recommended that Zonal Councils might be set up. Then we set up a Committee consisting of Shri Maganbhai Desai, Shri M L Dwivedy, Shri Mohanlal Bhatt, Shri G. P. Nene and Shri K D Bhargava, and they recommended that an all-India voluntary organisation should be set up. This matter was considered by the Hindi Saksha Samiti which represents all the State Governments including the southern States to which the hon. Member is referring. They also accepted this in principle. Therefore, we appointed another Committee to examine this question further and it is now proposed that four Regional Councils should be set up, and we have appointed some conveners for the respective regions. They are Shri Maganbhai Desai for the western region; Shri S R Sastri for the southern region, Shri Rajani Kanta Chakravarty for the eastern region, and Shri S N Parimoo for the northern region. They are all from

the respective regions, and they are contacting the respective organisations, and as soon as this matter is finalised the Regional Councils will be set up.

SHRI R S KHANDEKAR May I know which are the non-official agencies receiving Government aid in this connection?

DR K L SHRIMALI The Dakshin Hindi Prachar Sabha, the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, the Nagari Pracharini Sabha, practically most of the voluntary organisations are receiving aid from the Government for the propagation of Hindi.

SHRI B K P SINHA While in one or two States there may be opposition to what they call imposition of Hindi, there is no opposition to the propagation of Hindi in any State. Is this a fact?

DR K L SHRIMALI As far as I am aware, there is full co-operation from all the States. As far as the propagation of Hindi is concerned we have not experienced any difficulty. In fact, various other schemes have been taken up in collaboration with the State Governments, and progress is being made satisfactorily.

SHRI N M LINGAM May I know if the formation of the Councils is in pursuance of the Presidential Order under clause (2) of article 343 of the Constitution or independently of it? If it is independently of it, what was the need for setting up such Councils when the Presidential Order covers all aspects of the development of Hindi?

DR K L SHRIMALI Actually the President in his directive dated the 27th April 1960 had desired that a review of the existing arrangements for the propagation of Hindi to devise ways and means for effective work in the future should be undertaken. This review was undertaken as a result of that. As I have stated, a conference of voluntary organisations was called, and it was this conference which had recommended the setting up of these Councils.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चोरड़िया : क्या मंत्री उद्योग बतायेंगे कि हिन्दी के क्षेत्रों में जो वाल्टरी ऑर्गेनाइजेशन है, उनको हिन्दी के प्रचार के लिए सहायता देने का लक्ष्य क्या है ?

डा० कालू लाल श्रीमाली : हिन्दी का प्रचार और हिन्दी का विकास दो बातें हैं। हिन्दी का प्रचार तो जो नान-हिन्दी सर्किंग स्टेशन है उनमें होता है। हिन्दी का विकास करने की भी उनको जिम्मेदारी है और उनको सहायता इसी लिए दी जाती है।

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if it is the intention of the Government to bring about unity among the different organisations that are working for Hindi in different States?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Certainly this will bring about great co-ordination between the different organisations.

SCARCITY OF CEMENT

*268. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the scarcity of cement in the country; and

(b) whether cement is distributed to every State in proportion to its demand?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) The present demand for cement in the country is in excess of its availability.

(b) No, Sir.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if the Government has decided to entrust this work of distribution to the State Governments or to the co-operative societies?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The State Government, and the State Governments may decide to distribute it through co-operatives.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if any preferences are decided upon for distribution?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is the function of the State Governments; they have to decide the preference.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if it is a fact that a large quantity of cement which they give for Government buildings and projects is sold in the black market by government contractors? Is it not a fact?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: If the hon. Member has any definite information, he may pass that on to me.

SHRI PANNALAL SARAOGI: May I know whether it is a fact that whatever quota is allotted to the different regions does not reach them for lack of transport facilities? This is a grave situation and adds fuel to the fire. On the other hand, the cement factories are continuously complaining of over-congestion. Could something be done in that direction?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Well, Sir, there has been some difficulty with regard to transport facilities also, and we are trying to move cement by road also as far as possible.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: The hon. Minister was pleased to state that the demand in the country was far in excess of the production. I would like to know if any attempts are being made to increase the production.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Yes, Sir. Every attempt is being made to increase the production within the existing capacity and also to build up extra production capacity.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know how the quotas for the differ-