

ment decides to pay these allowances to the clerks?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: As far as I am aware, payments are not made with retrospective effect but I will have to ascertain it from the Delhi Administration.

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: May I know whether any security has been taken from the persons who are charged with the task of handling cash to the tune of Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 20,000?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The Delhi Administration must have taken all necessary measures in this connection.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: In any case, payments are made with retrospective effect. In view of the fact that they actually perform their duties and take the risks, why should not the payment be made in their cases with retrospective effect and why should there be any doubt about payment being made with retrospective effect? They are entitled to it.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Unless this matter is examined by the Delhi Administration, it is not possible for me to give any categorical answer to this question.

SPECIAL REORGANISATION UNIT

♦411. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) the number of Ministries whose working were studied by the Special Reorganisation Unit, in 1961;

(b) how many recommendations were made by the said Unit in 3 961 after their study; and

(c) how many of the recommendations were accepted by Government and what was the approximate economy affected as a result of these recommendations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA); (a) During

the year 1961, the Special Reorganisation Unit conducted work studies of six Ministries and thirty-four other organisations besides making a study of specific procedures and methods which are common generally to offices of the Government of India.

(b) and (c) Arising out of these studies a large number of suggestions and recommendations were made. However a mere numerical count of these recommendations, which vary widely both in scope and content will not be realistic. The recommendations made by the Special Reorganisation Unit covered all aspects of administration including analyses of organisational patterns, procedures^ methods of work and standards and levels of performance, the objective being achievement of increasing efficiency consistent with economy in administration. A majority of the suggestions have been accepted for implementation and the rest are under examination. In 1961-62 the economy in the cost of staff which was effected as a result of the studies of Special Reorganisation Unit is of the order of Rs, 48 lakhs. This is attributable firstly to (a) surplus or excess staff located in various departments (which however is to be worked off against increase in work loads resulting from, normal expansion of activities or from additional responsibilities of Third Plan schemes) and (b) demands and proposals for additional staff which were not sanctioned, as a result of the assessment made by Special Reorganisation Unit.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know the present strength of the Special Reorganisation Unit?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: Sir, it is a departmental unit and I do not know exactly the number of persons working there. It is one wing working in the O. & M. Division.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know how recruitment is made to the Special Reorganisation Unit?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: I did not catch the question, Sir.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Since this matter of civil expenditure was raised in Parliament, may I know from the hon. Minister whether it is proposed to take the House into confidence and place a note about the achievements of the Special Reorganisation Unit on the Table of the House?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: I have said, Sir, that the total saving that has accrued is Rs. 48 lakhs, but, as I said, this cannot be judged by sheer number or by saving of a few lakhs of rupees which has accrued. It is the way and the method by which the Special Reorganisation Unit specialises that matters. It adopts those ways and methods by which the administrative machinery improves in performance. This Unit has been doing this work in various Ministries and it has covered most of the Ministries of the Government. It has also extended its activities to various State Governments. It is very difficult to give all that detail in the Question Hour but if the hon. Member is interested, I can give him details of the saving which has accrued in the year 1961-62.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Will the reports of these units be published and circulated to Members of Parliament?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: This is an internal examination of the working of the Ministries. It is not possible for all the reports to be submitted to the House. It will be embarrassing to the Ministries.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Unless Parliament knows how these reports are being put into effect, how can there be any confidence in these units?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: The Special Reorganisation Unit, as I said in my answer, examines the working of the various Ministries and sees where there is over-staffing and where more expenditure is incurred for less work. It goes on doing that; it is a continuous process. It is difficult for any Ministry to publish any specific features about this examination because it might embarrass the working of the Ministries themselves.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: In view of the fact that the hon. Minister promises to supply us various reports when we ask questions but never does so, may I know whether in this particular case she is going to supply the report within some specified time and whether the promise will be kept?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: The difficulty is the hon. Member never waits for the answer. He gets annoyed, walks out of the House and never comes back in time. It is not my fault. If the hon. Member is interested in any specific problem and if he seeks information about that and if it is not embarrassing to the department, certainly I shall try to give the information.

SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI: Last year in the Consultative Committee many Members wanted to understand this and I had arranged a meeting of those Members with the person who is at the head of the Special Reorganisation Unit. If Members are interested, I am prepared to do it again this year.

HOSPITAL FOR THE DRUGS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LUCKNOW

*412. SHRI J. C. CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Drugs Research Institute at Lucknow has successfully discovered many new drugs, and that these drugs cannot be experimented upon for lack of hospital facilities; and