

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know whether the Government have not worked out any concrete proposals in order to hold the balance evenly between prudishness and vulgarity?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, well, the implications will have to be drawn by each individual.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Apart from the agitation referred to by the questioner, has Government any data that these posters have damaged the morals of the community?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: It is too sweeping and generalised a statement. First of all we have to find out as to which posters reference is being made- They might be quite good posters or ordinary posters which call for no attention, and there might be bad ones. The question is, what are the bad ones? Now, I do not think we can generalise in this way.

SHRI GOPIKRISHNA VIJAIVAR-GIYA: May I know what work the Committee has done up till now? Has it done anything at all?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: This is not a work which has to be published. The understanding is that all posters before they are issued would be submitted to this voluntary Committee by all the producers, and the Committee will suggest changes wherever necessary.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if the report of this Committee will be made available to us?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: There is no report as it is not an official Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF STUDY GROUP ON WELFARE OF VILLAGE COMMUNITY

*209. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations of the Jayaprakash Study Group on the

welfare of the weaker sections of the village community;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision on the recommendations and if so, which recommendations have been accepted by them; and

(c) what steps have been taken to implement the recommendations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI a N. MISHRA): (a) The main recommendations are in Appendix I of the Report, a copy of which has been placed in the Parliament Library. [See Library No. 301. 35R/C 737 SKI.]

(b) The recommendations are under consideration of the Government.

(c) The recommendations have been referred to the State Governments and the Central Ministries concerned for detailed examination.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know what are considered to be the weaker sections of the village community by this Group?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: I think it would be useful to refer to the Report itself, but I can mention for the benefit of the hon. Member just now that three categories of families have been classified as weaker sections. The first category falls under the income of Rs. 1000 a year per family. Under this category come 80 per cent, of the rural households. They are to be classed as weaker sections suffering from chronic economic backwardness. The second category relates to families having an income of less than Rs. 500 J a year. They are to be considered as deserving of priority in economic assistance. The third category is of those having an income of Rs. 250 per annum, and they are to be classed as destitutes.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know when the consideration of the Government on the recommendations of this Report will be completed?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: We are expecting the views and comments of the Central Ministries concerned and of the State Governments to come to us by the 15th of April. After that we shall form our views on them.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will this Report be made available to the Members of this House?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: I am not sure whether it has not been made available to the Members already by the Ministry. The Study Group was appointed by the Ministry and I hope that the Report has been made available. Otherwise we shall look into it.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: Is not the problem of the weaker sections the same that is sought to be solved by us in the Five Year Plans? If not, what is the nature and extent of work to be carried out outside the Plans for dealing with this problem?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: What is the question?

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: Is not the problem posed by the findings of this Group the same as the Plan seeks to solve? If the problem is different how is it different and what are the schemes which are under consideration, which are outside the Plan?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: It is a very large question. Of course, the development of any section of the community is related to the economic development of the country as a whole which the Five Year Plan programmes seek to foster. But if the hon. Member reads the Report, it would pay him a good deal of dividend, and he would find that there are certain other specific methods suggested for the betterment of this section.

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA: Is it a fact that the Study Group has recommended that the Scheduled Castes and Tribes should be excluded from the means test and, if so, may I know whether the Government has accepted the recommendation or not?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: The whole thing is under consideration, but it is a fact that those sections of the community have been recommended for exclusion from the means test by this Group.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if any recommendation is made as to how far the development schemes have helped the weaker sections?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: In fact the Group was appointed to find out in what way the development programmes are having an impact on the lot of the weaker sections. They must have gone into many of these things. They took about a year to report on this problem.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: May I know the additional financial outlay needed to implement the recommendations of this Group?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: All these matters, particularly the financial implications, are under the consideration of the Planning Commission.

"210. [For answer, vide cols 1753-58 infra.]

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*२११. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९६१ के वर्ष की दूसरी छमाही में योजना आयोग के पुस्तकालय के लिये कितनी पुस्तकें खरीदी गई और उनमें (१) हिन्दी की और (२) अंग्रेजी की कितनी कितनी पुस्तकें थीं ?

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•211. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state the number of

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