

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Is the Minister referring to the judgment delivered by Justice Rajagopalan and Justice Rajagopala Ayyanagar on the 1st of April?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: What is this judgment referred to? I did not follow.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is that the judgment given by these two judges on the 1st of April?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: I have not got the date.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: I have got the press cutting here.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And he has got the official judgment.

SHRI B. N. DATAR: If he will pass it on, I shall look into it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You pass it on and he will enquire.

*297. [The questioner (Shri N. C. Sekhar) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2860-61 infra.]

EXPANSION OF SCOUTS AND GUIDES MOVEMENT

*298. SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state the amount proposed to be spent by Government on the expansion of Scouts and Guides movement during the next five years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): A sum of rupees one crore has been proposed in the second Five Year Plan.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: Has the Planning Commission agreed to it?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, Sir.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: How is it that while Government have, for a few thousand people in the N.C.C. and

A.C.C., set aside Rs. 8 crores, in the case of the scouts they have set aside only Rs. 1 crore?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: At the rate at which the scout movement is progressing, it is not likely that they will be able to utilise more than a crore of rupees. In 1953-54 we gave a grant of Rs. 32,500; in 1954-55, we gave a grant of Rs. 57,500; in 1955-56, we gave a grant of Rs. 95,000. And if the scout movement can utilise more money, it will be placed at their disposal. We are very sympathetic to that movement.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: Is my hon. friend aware that even these sums were received from Government with the greatest difficulty and that much larger sums were spent readily on the expansion of the N.C.C. and A.C.C.?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: There is no rivalry between the N.C.C. and the scout movement. They are both useful movements from the point of view of the Government. And the Government wishes to encourage the scout movement as much as they want to encourage the N.C.C. movement. The only difference is that the scout movement is a voluntary organisation. The Government has to requisition certain information and certain statements from the organisation and that sometimes takes time in giving grants. Otherwise, I would like to assure the hon. Member that we would do everything that is possible to encourage the movement.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: How does the Education Ministry propose to educate the Finance Ministry with regard to the importance of scouting and guiding, because the real trouble lies there?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: That is the most important problem before the Education Ministry. The Finance Ministry has to be made Education conscious. Unfortunately most of the Finance Ministries all over the world are not so much education conscious.

श्री देवकीनन्दन नारायण : क्या मंत्री महोदय से मैं जान सकता हूँ कि स्काउट्स और गाइड्स मूवमेंट के अलावा और किसी यूथ मूवमेंट को पैसा दिया जाता है ?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: We are starting various youth welfare programmes, but as far as the all-India organisations are concerned, it is the scout movement which we are supporting.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: Are Government aware of the harmful effect that the rapid expansion of the A.C.C. and N.C.C. is having on the growth and development of scouting and guiding, which give the basic education that no other movement gives?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The real trouble is that there is no voluntary organisation at the present moment to guide the youth in proper channels and if the scout movement filled that gap it would be most welcome. But the Government cannot sit silently. The N.C.C. is also a useful organisation. It has organised a great deal of enthusiasm among the youth and it is necessary to direct their energies into proper channels. But we would welcome the scout movement also to do the same thing.

श्रीमती सावित्री निगम : क्या मैं जान सकती हूँ कि यह बात कहां तक सच है कि एन० सी० सी० का जो करिकुलम है उसमें सारी वे बातें जो स्काउट्स और गाइड्स के करिकुलम में हैं ले ली गई हैं ?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: This should be welcomed by the scout movement. After all the programme of the scout movement should not be the monopoly of the scout movement. In fact, the scout movement should welcome that other organisations are taking up their activities and their curriculum.

श्री बी० बी० शर्मा : ये कितने स्काउट्स हैं कि जिनके ऊपर एक करोड़ रुपया खर्च किया जायगा ?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I cannot give the figures regarding the number of scouts.

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: Is it not a fact that the N.C.C. organisation incurs a good deal of expenditure on equipment as such? I do not want to say that the scout and guides movement does not require more provision by way of funds. Both are very important.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is it not a fact that you spend a good deal of your money on equipment with regard to N.C.C.—that is the question.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Equipment is part of the expenditure.

SHRI P. D. HIMATSINGKA: Is the hon. Minister aware that the scout movement cannot be expanded for want of funds and they have not been granted even though the requisition was made?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I can only assure hon. Members that the Government are most sympathetic towards the scout movement and we shall be very happy if they can utilise the sum of Rs. 1 crore which has been provided in the second Five Year Plan. If they ask for more we shall try to get some more.

AMOUNT SPENT ON EXPANSION OF BASIC EDUCATION DURING THE FIRST FIVE YEAR PLAN PERIOD

*288. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the amount spent by the Central Government on the expansion of Basic education in the various States during the First Five Year Plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): A total grant of Rs. 1,76,24,638 was sanctioned to various State Governments but complete information regarding the amounts actually utilised by them has not yet been received.