

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: No, Sir, they did not send in any draft schemes. The whole plan of fundamental education was worked at the sixth general conference of UNESCO and the idea was to establish a network of fundamental education centres to make a world-wide drive against illiteracy and low living standards.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: What is fundamental education, Sir?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The idea of fundamental education arose in UNESCO; it is a special word used by UNESCO. It is a very comprehensive word which not only means removal of illiteracy but also the education of the people in citizenship. It is very much like what we call social education in our country.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether it is true that UNESCO offered financial assistance for States which were ready to work this scheme?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, Sir, that was the original idea.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether any financial assistance has been received?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: No, Sir. UNESCO later on withdrew the offer of assistance.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Is the reply to say that UNESCO withdrew the offer?

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

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Is it not a fact that UNESCO has offered to other States?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: No, Sir; the whole scheme was withdrawn, as far as I am aware.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether the Government of India have decided where to establish this centre?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, Sir; it will be located at Delhi.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Why are the Government of India pursuing this scheme which has been dropped and withdrawn by UNESCO?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Because we think that it is very important and will benefit our people.

DELEGATION TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO

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Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state the personnel and other particulars of the delegation proposed to be sent to the Eighth General Conference of UNESCO to be held at Montevideo this year?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

The Indian Delegation to the Eighth General Conference of UNESCO will consist of nine members as follows: —

Delegates

(1) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-President of India (*Leader*).

(2) Dr. A. L. Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, Madras University.

(3) Shri Humayun Kabir, Secretary, Ministry of Education.

(4) Dr. B. N. Prasad, General Secretary, Indian Science Congress Association, Allahabad.

(5) Shrimati Rukmini Devi Arundale, M.P.

Alternates

(6) Shri A. R. Wadia, M.P., Director, Tata institute of Social Sciences, Bombay.

(7) Shri M. Mujeeb, Vice-Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia.

(8) Shri M. S. Sundaram, Education Secretary, Indian Embassy in Washington.

(9) Shri L. R. Sethi, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Education, or Dr. N. S. Junankar, Assistant Educational Adviser (*Secretary-General*).

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know the subjects on the agenda of this conference?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Some of the important items on the agenda of this conference are: Remodelling of the future programme of UNESCO, Amendment to the constitution of UNESCO regarding the composition of the Executive Board. The recommendations of the Indian National Commission which held its conference in 1954, will also be pressed upon by our Delegation.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Is there any minimum number of delegates that we can send or have we the liberty to send any number that we like?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I think ordinarily each Member-State has to appoint not more than five delegates.

PROF. G. RANGA: What is the recommendation made by the Indian National Commission?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I have said in the statement that we are sending this year five delegates and four alternates, in all nine.

PROF. G. RANGA: When the hon. Parliamentary Secretary was replying as to the items in the agenda of this conference, he was pleased to say that one of the items to be considered would be the recommendations made by the Indian National Commission. I want to know what those recommendations are, or rather, what is the proposal made by India which is going to be discussed at the next conference?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The recommendation which the Indian National Commission made was with regard to the reorientation of the whole of UNESCO's programme to meet more effectively the needs of Member-States in Asia and Africa.

श्री कन्हैया लाल डी० बंधू : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस प्रतिनिधिमंडल के भेजने से पूर्व रियासतों से, राज्यों से, भी परामर्श किया गया ?

डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली : जी नहीं, परामर्श नहीं किया गया ।

श्री कन्हैया लाल डी० बंधू : परामर्श करना क्या आवश्यक नहीं समझा गया ?

डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली : मेरे ख्याल से इसकी जरूरत नहीं है । जो देश में सबसे योग्य प्रतिनिधि होते हैं उनको चुन लिया जाता है ।

श्री कन्हैया लाल डी० बंधू : इसका खर्चा सेंटर ही बर्दाश्त करेगा या राज्यों से भी लिया जायगा ?

डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली : इसका खर्चा केन्द्रीय सरकार बर्दाश्त करेगी ।

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR AT MUSSOORIE

•314. SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: With the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the authority which organised the regional educational seminar held at Mussoorie in the third week of June this year;

(b) the names of persons who attended the seminar and what was the nature of their deliberations;

(c) whether the recommendations of the seminar have been communicated to Government; and