

extent of actual expenditure will be that of that State.

SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY: Is there any proposal.....(*Interruptions*).

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Is the Government considering at least giving any financial assistance to the Andhra State?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: It is a suggestion for action.

NATIONAL SAMPLE SURVEY

*327. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the purposes and objects for which National Sample Survey is now being made;

(b) the year and month in which this survey commenced;

(c) the results so far published by the Survey; and

(d) whether any use of its findings has been made by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI M. C. SHAH): (a) The National Sample Survey has been set up to improve the quantity and quality of statistical data relating to production, consumption and other aspects of the economic and social life of India and also to fill the gaps in information required for the estimation of national income.

(b) October 1950.

(c) The first report was published in December 1952.

(d) The data collected by the Survey are available for use by all departments of Government for whatever purpose they might be required for.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Can the hon. Minister inform us if the survey has now been completed?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: Sir, there will be two reports coming forward very soon. This one was with regard to

the period from October 1950 to March 1951. It was submitted in November 1952 and released to the public in January 1953.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will he kindly inform us if the findings of this survey will be available only for the Central Government or for the use of the State Governments also?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: It is there in the Library. If the State Governments ask for that, I think it will be possible for them to have it. It is for official use only.

SHRI V. S. SARWATE: Is it a fact that among the experts there is difference of opinion regarding the correctness of this National Sample Survey?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: I am not in a position to say about that. We have got that report and that may be looked into by the hon. Member.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Who were entrusted with the task of compilation of this National Sample Survey?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: That was entrusted to the Indian Statistical Institute at Calcutta under the technical control and supervision of its Director, Mr. Mahalanobis.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Had not the the Gokhale Institute in Poona anything to do with it?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: So far as my information goes, Sir, it was entrusted to the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Has the hon. Minister's attention been drawn to a publication by the Gokhale Institute in this connection stating the difference that they have had with the Statistical Institute?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: How does this question arise?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is whether the report of the statistical

survey entrusted to the Statistical Institute under Prof. Mahalanobis and the report submitted by the Gokhale Institute—both controlled by experts of different types—have shown a wide difference.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: And both were entrusted by the Government, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You consult two experts and they give you two different opinions.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: But the hon. Minister has stated that they have not given any work to the Gokhale Institute in this connection.

SHRI M. C. SHAH: As far as my information goes, this work has been given to the Indian Statistical Institute under the technical control and supervision of its Director. I have no information about any work being given to the Gokhale Institute.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ghose informs us that this work was entrusted to the Gokhale Institute also.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: I am not informing, Sir. I was asking for information from the Minister whether it was entrusted to that Institute.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says he has no information.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Will the hon. Minister inform us whether this National Sample Survey has given figures of production which are 20 per cent. more than was estimated before?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: That also does not arise from this question. I am asked about the National Sample Survey, its work, when it started and so on. As I have already stated, there is that report published in 1952 and it was made available to the public in January 1953. Now they may just by comparison draw their own inferences.

PROF. G. RANGA: Will the Government be willing to bring this report—

because they say it is for official use alone—to the notice of the Statistical Departments of the State Governments so that they may also take advantage of it?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: Certainly; if they want they can have it. When I say 'official use' it means both for Central Government as well as the State Governments. Otherwise why should we spend so much money if they are not taken advantage of?

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Is the hon. Minister aware that Prof. D. R. Gadgil, who was associated with this at the start, got out of it on account of differences?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: Prof. Gadgil is associated with the National Income Committee. So far as this work is concerned, as I have already stated, it is under the direct technical control and supervision of the Director of the Statistical Institute.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: I am afraid, Sir, we are getting more confused.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please do not add to the confusion.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: I have one more question, Sir. Is it the Government's intention to have these statistics collected on a permanent basis or will they be satisfied only with collecting sample surveys?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: The scheme is included in the Five Year Plan. The Government consider it necessary to have it on a permanent basis because it will be necessary to have continuous investigations.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: What was the year for which this National Survey was being undertaken?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: I have stated, Sir, that it was for the period October 1950 to March 1951. A report has already been published and others will follow.