

Shrimati Renuka Ray: As the taxing capacity of State Governments is very limited and they are not encouraged to raise loans, how does the Government expect the State Governments to raise additional revenues to finance the Second Plan?

Shri L. N. Mishra: They have raised additional revenues in 1956-57. The various State Governments have got revenue from additional taxation to the tune of Rs. 14.7 crores in 1956-57, and in 1957-58 also they expect to raise additional revenue to the tune of Rs. 16.54 crores, and we expect that the State Governments in spite of their difficulties will be able to meet their commitments. Of course, they are encountering some difficulty also.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: Is it not a fact that the State Governments have taxed to the hilt and raised all the amount that they could raise.

Shri L. N. Mishra: It is a matter of opinion, but I feel they are trying their very best in spite of their difficulties.

Shri C. D. Pande: May I know if the Government of India have received any representations from some of the State Governments saying that every little scope is left for taxation on account of the intensive taxation launched by the Centre itself?

Shri L. N. Mishra: I would require notice.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: May I know whether there has been any increase recently in the revenue receipt of Kerala State, and if so, by what per cent?

Shri L. N. Mishra: I will require notice.

Shri Ranga: In the case of grants made by the Centre on a matching

basis, what happens if the State Governments are unable to provide their part, namely 50 per cent? Is there any arrangement by which this money is being funded here so that if and when the State Governments are able to raise their part of the funds, whatever is allocated to them by the Centre could be made use of?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): This question has been agitating us for some time past, and I believe that some ways out have been found, so that they might take advantage of the help from the Centre even if they cannot match it. I cannot give the details without reference.

Shri Nagi Reddy: In view of the fact that during 1957-58 a number of budgets have been deficit budgets in the State, may I know what new proposals have been made to the States this year?

Shri L. N. Mishra: Every State Government has some new taxation proposals also, and I believe....

Shri Nagi Reddy: I want to know what new proposals the Centre has sent to the State Governments this year?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: This question should be addressed to the Finance Minister, not to my colleague in the Planning Ministry, and if it is addressed, probably facts and figures can be found such as we know them and placed before the House.

Hindi in Diplomatic Dealings

*1496 **Shri Shivananappa:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the External Affairs Ministry is now encouraging the use of Hindi in its formal diplomatic dealings; and

(b) if so, what other important steps have been taken to encourage Hindi in the diplomatic dealings?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Use of Hindi is encouraged in all diplomatic dealings so far as possible.

(b) All letters of Credence, Commission, Introduction, Recall and Commissions of Appointment in favour of Indian Envoys abroad, and the acknowledgements of Letters received from Heads of other States are issued in Hindi with ready translation of the same in English. Commissions of Appointment of Indian Consular Officers abroad and Exequaturs for the foreign Consular Officers posted in India are prepared in Hindi and English rendering of the text is attached.

Invitations to Heads of Missions are sent in Hindi with English translation. Invitations to State Banquets and similar functions are issued in Hindi.

Steps are being taken to issue in Hindi the Letters of Credence in favour of Indian Delegations attending conferences abroad.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: May I know if it is Government's idea that, except for ceremonial occasions when Hindi as our official language should certainly be used, we should also spend time and money for a wider use of Hindi in preference to English which has already come to replace French as the language of world diplomacy?

Mr. Speaker: It is a suggestion for action. There is the Language Commission's Report. Next question.

Shri Hem Barua: I wish to put a question.

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow. Hon. Members may make representations to the Parliamentary Committee.

Shri Nagi Reddy: The Committee is only regarding the language question so far as the country inside is concerned.

Mr. Speaker: Country inside or outside, wherever this country has got dealings.

Coal Mines Labour Welfare Fund

*1497. Shri P. C. Bose: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the building programme of the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Fund has been held up for want of building materials;

(b) if so, the arrangement made by Government to supply the materials; and

(c) the alternative proposals, if any, to build houses without the material, which are in short supply?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) to (c): The building programme is not in full swing yet and therefore there has been no hold up so far on account of shortage of cement and steel. In the future, apart from the share which the Fund will get out of available supplies, alternative specifications are being worked out, which will eliminate or reduce the demand for scarce materials.

Shri P. C. Bose: May I know whether as a result of these new specifications for building materials, the number of applications for building houses has increased?

Shri Abid Ali: We have received applications for about 3,000 houses. Twenty-nine thousand sites have already been selected.

Shri A. C. Gaha: Is it true that this fund is accumulating huge balances and the balances are increasing year by year and if so, may I know if the Government has any scheme to make better use of the funds collected every year?

Shri Abid Ali: Yes, Sir. We have got about Rs. 5.60 crores in balance, and the proposal is to construct about