

**Shri Morarka:** May I know if any portion of these foreign grants is not utilised during this Five-Year Plan period, whether any of these grants is likely to lapse?

**Shri M. C. Shah:** No grant will lapse. Before June, 1956 there will be utilisation of these grants entirely.

**Shri Raghuramala:** The hon. Minister has stated that figure of Rs. 36.2 crores represented the material brought into this country up to March, 1954. Since the period is August, 1954, may we know whether there are any figures to show what materials have been brought into the country between March and August, 1954—the value of that?

**Shri M. C. Shah:** I said these figures are not before me just now, but I can just say that separate orders have been already made, but it is a big list. Some of these will be coming in 1954-55 and some in 1955-56. They include locomotives and railway rolling stock. Then Rs. 10 crores for river valley and power projects; then there are Rs. 12 crores for steel, and so on and so forth. There is a big list.

#### UNESCO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARID ZONE

\*1104. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Arid Zone Committee consisting of foreign scientists toured in Rajasthan, Saurashtra and Kutch; and

(b) whether they have expressed their opinion that with the application of scientific skill, the desert area can be reclaimed and rehabilitated?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) The scientists made a study tour of Rajasthan and Saurashtra.

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(b) No, Sir.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** May I know whether that Committee have recommended the establishment of a pilot project to start the work in this direction, and what has been the reaction of UNESCO in regard to it?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** There is no particular pilot project recommended by this Committee. The symposium discussed certain matters and some of them were very interesting for us. Then, they made a study tour of Saurashtra and Rajasthan. There was no intention to ask for any report from the experts, but if any individual wanted to send to the Advisory Committee a report, he was quite welcome.

**Shri Karni Singhji:** May I know whether one of the United Nations experts who has toured Rajasthan feels that the grazing of sheep and goats is mainly responsible for the spread of the desert?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** That is one of the views of experts.

#### EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION

\*1106. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the amount actually expended by the Centre upto the 31st October, 1954 out of the total provision for education made in the Five Year Plan?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das):** The pattern of expenditure for the period ending 1953-54 is contained in Chapter XIII of the Five Year Plan Progress Report 1953-54, copies of which are available in the Library of Parliament. The actual amount expended upto 31st October, 1954 is being collected and will be furnished later.

**Shri Gidwani:** Is it a fact that the total amount provided will not be expended in the Plan period?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** That is a question about the future. We do not know about the future.