

that whatever steps we may take for having collections in the rural areas, yet the collections will mostly come from the urban areas. Still, we consider that efforts for collections should be made in the rural areas, and some organisation should be set up in the rural areas for that purpose.

REVISION OF GAZETTEERS

***89. Shri S. M. Ghose :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 498 on the 14th December, 1955 and state :

(a) the terms of reference of the Committee set up for preparing a plan for the revision of Gazetteers ; and

(b) the names of the members of the said Committee ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) : (a) To prepare a detailed plan and framework for the revision of the Gazetteers.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 29].

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या गवर्नमेंट क ध्यान में यह बात आयी है कि बहुतसी राज्य सरकारें गजटियरों के संशोधन का काम कर रही हैं ; और क्या इस सम्बन्ध में केन्द्रीय सरकार की ओर से कोई हिदायतें दी गयी हैं ताकि सब जगह एक ही स्टैंडर्ड का काम हो ?

Dr. M. M. Das : That seems to be the main object of the committee that has been set up ; it is to co-ordinate the activities of the State Governments with those of the Central Government, so that the district gazetteers which will be prepared by the State Governments will be on the same pattern all over the country.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या यह भी निर्णय किया गया है कि जो नये संशोधित गजटियर छापे जायेंगे वह केवल अंग्रेजी में ही छापे जायेंगे या भारतीय भाषाओं में भी छापे जायेंगे ?

Dr. M. M. Das : I would ask for notice of the question, because I have not got the information at my disposal just now.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee : The question refers to the preparation of a plan for the revision of gazetteers. May I know whether Government have set a target date for the actual publication of the gazetteers ?

Dr. M. M. Das : No ; no such date has been fixed.

OIL SURVEY UNDER COLOMBO PLAN

***90. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has received any help from any member of the Colombo Plan countries for surveying oil potentialities ;

(b) if so, wherefrom ;

(c) the nature of help received ; and

(d) where the surveys were carried and with what result ?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Canada.

(c) Aeromagnetic Survey over Jaisalmer area.

(d) The survey is likely to start by the beginning of March, 1956, that is, next month.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh : May I know whether any special Division has been set up for carrying on such survey, or whether the survey team that will come from Canada will be allowed to carry on the survey on its own ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : Government have not yet set up any special Division for aeromagnetic survey. The arrangement is between the Government and the Colombo Plan authorities, so, it is not for us to make any arrangements.