

SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ON HEAD
101 AND 102 IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT ON 11TH
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Mr. Chairman, Sir, with your permission, I would like to take Heads 101 and 102 together.

The Development Estimates under Head 101, Prime Minister, represent on the whole, except for Sub-head 5 (National Museum), only monies which were not spent during last year.

Under Sub-head 1, "Government Contribution to National Mosque" amounts to \$2 million. Of this amount \$1,000,010 had spent. So far, the expenses incurred had been first charged to the National Mosque Fund.

In regard to Sub-head 3, Staff Training Centre, this project has been completed last August and payment in respect of the total cost has been made except for the retention money representing 5% of the total cost. Now, the retention money is to be paid this year, when the six months' guarantee has elapsed.

In regard to Sub-head 5, National Museum, the original provision of \$1,650,000 for this project has been found to be insufficient. The building project has been completed in August last year, but equipment and displays for the second gallery need to be purchased. The second gallery will house the Natural History Section of the Museum. We have at the moment an expert taxidermist on contract here for two years, and he is able to build up this Section during that time. This Museum has proved to be a success, and since its opening more than 300,000 persons have visited it.

I come now to Sub-head 8, Economic Planning Organisation. This project has been completed and the provision for this year is merely a sum not spent last year.

In regard to Sub-head 9, Government Contribution to National Monument this House will observe that the Government contribution towards the cost of the construction of this Monument is \$200,000. This sum, provided in the Estimates for last year, has not been spent, expenditure has been fully met by the National Monument Fund.

Sub-head 10 refers to "Shipment of Capital Equipment under Colombo Plan". The provision of \$200,000 is required for 1964 to meet freight and marine charges for capital equipment sent by the Canadian Government under the Colombo Plan.

Under Head 102, Statistics, a provision of \$82,500 is being entered for 1964 to meet the development cost of the expansion programme in the Statistics Department. Honourable Members may observe that this provision is part of the total provision of \$1,508,552 for the expansion programme within the current Five-Year Development Plan, and this provision is for the purchase of various kinds of machines in order to carry out the expanded work of this Department.