

in teaching; employees of universities; physically handicapped students; etc. The detailed regulations in regard to private appearance in various examinations, are published by the universities in their calendars and prospectuses.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAGAHI

347. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given assistance to any institution for the development of Magahi :

(b) if so, the names of the institutions and the extent of assistance given ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Any such proposal has not been considered suitable so far.

AMERICAN AND ENGLISHMEN EMPLOYED IN INDIA

348. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of American and Englishmen employed in civil or military posts in India at present ; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to replace them by Indian nationals ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : (a) The number of Americans and Englishmen employed in civil or military posts in the Government of India (except the Ministry of Transport and Shipping) at present are :

Americans	2
Englishmen	15

(b) Out of the seventeen foreign nationals, four are permanent employees of the Government of India who

entered service before Independence, and they have to be continued in service till they attain the age of superannuation ; eleven have been given contract assignments either under the Colombo Plan or U.N. Projects or under the terms of collaboration agreements, and at the end of their present contracts, which vary from one-and-a-half years to five years, they are expected to be replaced, as necessary ; one is working only in an honorary capacity ; and one is in a civil post. The last case is under the consideration of Government.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BIHAR STUDENTS

349. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of students selected from various rural educational institutions of Bihar with the names of these institutions, who would receive scholarships from the Central Government during the current financial year ;

(b) whether it is a fact that generally the number of such scholarships awarded to students of Bihar is comparatively less than those of other States ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN) : (a) to (c) Selection of students from the various Rural Institutes in the country for the award of scholarships is not made Centrally. Under the scheme of Rural Higher Education, provision is made for the award of stipends by individual Rural Institutes to 20 per cent (additional 5 per cent for girl students of Rural Services and Preparatory Course) of students on roll in each class at approved rates.

The basis of calculation of the number of stipends is the same for all the Rural Institutes located in various States. There is one such Rural Institute in Bihar viz. the Rural Institute of Higher Studies, Birouli. The exact number of students who would receive stipends during the current financial