

year is recommended for the succeeding years also. Therefore, once a man gets into the list it is always possible for him to get the quotas later on unless something is found against him.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: In view of the Minister's admission that there are ghost quotas and there is blackmarket in stainless steel, may I know whether the Government will consider the feasibility of stopping the allotment of steel quota on the recommendations of the State Governments and set up its own machinery to enquire into the genuineness of the allegations?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I am afraid it will be an impossible task. We have to depend upon the State machinery.

*560. [The questioner (Shri M. P. Bhargava) was absent. For answer, vide col. 4166 infra.]

DISCONTINUANCE OF A. C. C.

*561. **SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that A.C.C. is being discontinued in various High Schools and a common course for boys and girls is being introduced in its place;

(b) if so, what is the reason for this change; and

(c) what are the details of the proposed course?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN): (a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: How much time will it take? What is the necessity for considering this matter just now?

SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN: We are discussing this problem with the Ministry of Defence and I cannot say definitely what time it will take. The object is to have a synthesis of all the good points in the present schemes about physical education, the National Discipline Scheme, the A.C.C. and the others combined together.

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: There are four schemes prevalent in the country now, the A.C.C., the N.C.C., the Scouts and Guides and the National Discipline Scheme. Will the Government make some sort of integrated course for all these and introduce such a course which will not overlap?

SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN: Yes Sir; Government is already working in that direction and the Emergency Integrated Scheme of Physical Education and the National Discipline Scheme have been in operation for some time and we are discussing the matter with the Ministry of Defence and I think they will also soon agree to have an integrated scheme.

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: What is the strength of the A.C.C. Boys and Girls in the whole country?

SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN: I want notice, Sir.

EDUCATION OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

*562. **SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of an observation made recently by Professor N. T. Birkett, an Educational Expert from U.K., in Patiala to the effect that little attention was paid to the education of mentally handicapped in India; and

(b) if so, whether any estimate has been made of the number of the handicapped persons in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRIMATI SOUNDARAM RAMACHANDRAN):

(a) Prof. N. T. Birkett, recently drew attention to the limited provision made in India for the education of the mentally deficient children.

(b) No dependable estimates are available.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know whether there are any arrangements existing in India where these mentally handicapped are examined?

SHRIMATI SOUNDARAM RAMACHANDRAN: In almost all the Medical Colleges and hospitals, the mentally deficient children are examined and treated. Those below a certain intelligent quotient are treated as patients and for the others we give special type of education which we are providing to a small extent.

SHRI R. P. N. SINHA: Is it a fact that there is a special school for the mentally handicapped children somewhere in the Punjab or Himachal Pradesh?

SHRIMATI SOUNDARAM RAMACHANDRAN: It is for orthopaedically handicapped children, and the mentally handicapped who may also be orthopaedically handicapped may be there. There is one school in Delhi, one in Bombay; there are about ten all over India.

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN: May I know whether any survey has been made as to in which State you generally find the most mentally handicapped?

SHRIMATI SOUNDARAM RAMACHANDRAN: It is very difficult. There is no standard measurement or method. Even slow learners in schools may be to some extent mentally handicapped. Therefore, it is very difficult to make such a survey.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I know whether there is any scheme by which the private agencies can be assisted by the Government substantially to run such institutions?

SHRIMATI SOUNDARAM RAMACHANDRAN: Yes, Sir. In fact, many of these existing institutions are very generously assisted because the welfare of the mentally handicapped is really the responsibility of the Centre according to the Directive Principles. The ten institutions that are already existing get to the extent of eighty per cent. as recurring and non-recurring grant.

FACILITIES FOR HIGHER STUDIES TO THE STUDENTS OF JUNIOR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

*563. SHRIMATI DEVAKI GOPIDAS: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state what facilities for higher studies are provided to the students who successfully come out of the Junior Technical Schools?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): The scheme provides for students of Junior Technical Schools joining polytechnics and completing Diploma courses in Engineering in two years.

SHRIMATI DEVAKI GOPIDAS: What is the percentage of students who are allowed to get admitted into the technical colleges out of those who pass the Junior Technical School examination?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: I am sorry I did not quite catch the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the percentage of candidates who get admission in the technical colleges?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: I have not got the percentage. I would require notice for that.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know whether any seats are reserved