

run by the Central Government only or whether the State Governments also would be able to participate in this scheme in their respective jurisdictions?

SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI: It will be a Central Government Scheme.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: What approximately is the amount likely to be received as a result of this initiative of having a Prize Bond Scheme? As we know, in the U.K. the income is about £120 million a year.

SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI: I am not used to making guesses in these matters.

*91. [The questioner (Shri Maheswar Naik) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 452-53 infra.]

*92. [Transferred to the 1st December, 1959].

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SCHEDULED CASTE CANDIDATES IN PRE-EXAMINATION TRAINING CENTRE FOR I.A.S. ETC.

*93. **SHRI M. BASAVAPUNNAIAH:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to "letter to the Editor" in the Times of India of 10th September, 1959 alleging gross discrimination against the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes at the Pre-Examination Training Centre for the Indian Administrative Service etc. run by the Allahabad University; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA):
(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Government had also received a representation in this regard from the trainees. The Vice-Chancellor, Allahabad University was asked to report and from the reply received it appear-

ed that the complaints were exaggerated, and what had happened was largely due to youthful exuberance of the students of the University and not due to any caste discrimination or prejudice. The Vice-Chancellor has assured us that there would be no occasion for such complaints in future.

SHRI M. BASAVAPUNNAIAH: It is reported that the Assistant Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes had been there. If so, may I know what report he has submitted?

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: The report of the Proctor?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes who was there.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Sir, the report is that there was really nothing wrong in this University, and the findings of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes are on the same lines. There was no discrimination.

SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the canteen contractor at the instigation of Caste Hindu trainees refused to serve even tea and refreshments to the Scheduled Caste Trainees?

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: The canteen manager was warned that if he carried out any kind of discrimination, he would be criminally prosecuted.

श्री पां० ना० राजभोज : क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि आइ०ए०एस० के इम्तिहान के बारे में शिड्डूल्ड कास्ट के विद्यार्थियों ने जो प्रतिवेदन होम मिनिस्ट्री को भेजा था उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है? मैं वहाँ गया था तो मैंने देखा कि वहाँ सिचूरेशन बहुत खराब थी और वहाँ के प्रिंसिपल ने ठीक तरह से कार्यवाही नहीं की। इस बारे में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

श्री गोविन्द बल्लभ पन्त : ये लड़के जो कोचिंग के लिए यूनिवर्सिटी में भर्ती किये गये थे उस होस्टल में रखे गये जो कि यूनिवर्सिटी के विद्यार्थियों के लिये था। उस वक्त यूनिवर्सिटी का सेशन नहीं चल रहा था इसलिए उन्हें वहां रख दिया गया। जब यूनिवर्सिटी के लड़के पढ़ने आये तो उन्होंने कहा कि यह खाली किया जाय, किन्तु यह खाली नहीं हुआ। तो उन बच्चों ने जो सेशन के शुरू में रैगिंग (ragging) करत है उनके साथ ऐसा सलूक किया जो कि अच्छा नहीं था। इस बारे में हमने यूनिवर्सिटी वालों से कहा कि इस तरह की जो बात हुई वह ठीक नहीं है, इस तरह की बात जिसमें कि गिडयूल्ड कास्ट वाले लड़कों के मन में शूबहा पैदा हो सकती है, न होनी चाहिये और इस चीज़ की आगे हिदायत रखी जानी चाहिये। इसके बाद अब इस बात का इंतजाम कर दिया गया है कि उनके लिए अलग से अच्छा मकान हो जाय।

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, may I invite the attention of the hon. Home Minister to a letter and ask for information about two allegations? One allegation is that a meeting was held by certain students at night and after that meeting abuses were hurled at the students belonging to what is called the untouchable community, and then a complaint was lodged also with the District Magistrate. May I know whether this meeting was at all held and whether the complaint was lodged with the District Magistrate and if so, the nature of the complaint and the manner in which this matter was investigated by the Home Ministry?

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT: We have no information about any such meeting being held or about any complaint having been made to the District Magistrate.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, how can the hon. Minister say that he has no information? It appeared in the

'Times of India'—this letter—and I take it that the hon. Home Minister reads papers just as he reads many other things. If so, may I know what steps the Home Ministry took after seeing that letter which appeared in the 'Times of India' containing precisely this allegation?

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT: On seeing that report, whether in the 'Times of India' or somewhere else, and having come to know of this incident, we wrote to the Vice-Chancellor expressing our regret that such an incident should have happened at all. The Vice-Chancellor sent us a report and said that the matter had been extremely exaggerated and that it was a much simpler affair than had been given out by the correspondent of the paper. Then we even asked our Commissioner for Scheduled Castes to go there. As I have just stated in Hindi, the view was that these students had not behaved particularly in a decent and dignified manner. We were told that it was in a way the practice that at the start of a session there would be some sort of ragging, etc. But we wrote to the Vice-Chancellor that so far as the Scheduled Caste students were concerned, such procedures and such activities gave rise to suspicion and therefore, he should be more careful. They were not members of the University. They were there specially deputed for receiving training so that they may be prepared for All-India examinations. Allahabad was one of the few universities which had agreed to start coaching classes and the Vice-Chancellor was requested to be more careful in future and to warn the boys. We have also succeeded in finding a better house for their accommodation.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, the Home Minister said that the matter had been exaggerated. May I know what the element of truth in it is and also the element of exaggeration?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The exaggeration was in the newspaper and the element of truth in what the Commissioner told you and what you said just now.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: Sir, may I . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not so many of you together.

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT: The element of truth is what I have stated, and whatever differs from it is the element of exaggeration.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: Sir, only one supplementary question . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, that will do.

GAUHATI OIL REFINERY

*94. SHRI M. BASAVAPUNNAIAH: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made towards the construction of the Gauhati Oil Refinery; and

(b) when it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND OIL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) By 1961.

STATEMENT

Acquisition of land for Refinery:

516 Bighas of land have been taken by Indian Refineries Ltd. This would be sufficient for immediate works on the refinery and temporary townships.

Proposals for acquisition of additional areas required have been submitted to Government of Assam.

Land required for approach road to township has been demarcated.

Work of plotting the area required under tea plantation, was completed during October, 1959.

Surveys and Foundation investigations:

Foundation investigations were commenced, after the rains, in the

middle of September, 1959. Several bore-holes were made for study of soil strata at site, to help finalization of the lay-out for the refinery.

Technical Design:

The technical designs for the refinery were received from Rumania about the middle of August, 1959; and they were discussed with Rumanian experts and finalized.

Supply and Technical Assistance Contract:

The Contract was executed on the 17th August, 1959. This Contract closely follows the Inter-Governmental Agreement signed on the 20th October, 1958.

Works:

(i) Approach road to temporary hostel has been completed;

(ii) Earth-work for preparation of site for temporary township, store sheds and other construction structures is in progress;

(iii) construction of temporary garage is in progress;

(iv) work of laying temporary siding is in progress;

(v) three temporary storage sheds had been completed;

(vi) small temporary hostel building has been completed.

Inspection and Testing of materials:

Arrangements are being made for the inspection/testing of the materials/equipment received from Rumania, by the Assam Engineering College and Assam Engineering Institute.

Staff: -

Technical Officers	28
Non-technical Officers	64
Technical Staff	69
Non-technical staff	72

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