

**EMPLOYMENT AFTER RETURN OF STUDENTS SENT ABROAD ON GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

\*91. **SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many students sent abroad on Government scholarships are not provided with employment on return to India after completing their studies; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to prevent expenditure on this account?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI):** (a) No, Sir, We are not aware of any such cases.

(b) Does not arise.

**SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the services of an Indian trained under Dr. Charles Heidelberger for cancer research are not being properly utilised?

**DR. K. L. SHRIMALI:** I shall enquire into that. For particular cases I do not have the information.

**EFFECT OF RECESSION IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON EXPORTS FROM INDIA**

\*92. **SHRI V. PRASAD RAO:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether our exports to the United States of America are in any way affected by the gathering recession in that country?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT):** There has been a decline in the price of some of our exports such as manganese ore. But, so far the American recession does not appear to have had any pronounced impact on our total exports to the U.S.

**SHRI V. PRASAD RAO:** Sir, in view of the fact that this recession is affecting exports to America from other

countries may I know what steps Government is going to take to combat its effect on our exports, especially those of raw minerals?

**SHRI B. R. BHAGAT:** So far as our study of the present American economy goes, the first part, the assumption of the hon. Member, is not substantially correct. As for the positive steps that the Government is taking, we are watching the situation. Not only India, but all other countries are watching the situation. We will take concerted action as isolated action in such a situation does not help much. We will take all action through the international agencies or in co-operation with other friendly countries to ward off any untoward effects of the American recession on our exports and those of other countries.

**SHRI V. PRASAD RAO:** Is it not a fact, Sir, that exports to U.S.A. from England, France and other western European countries have materially declined because of the recession in America?

**SHRI B. R. BHAGAT:** Well, that assumption is not correct. The fact is that the recession has come at a particular time when there is an inflationary situation not only in Europe but in all other countries, particularly in our country which is having a developing economy. It has helped all these countries, England and others, and in all these countries the economy is at, what we may describe as, a high plateau.

**SHRI V. PRASAD RAO:** Then what are the reasons for the decline in manganese exports if it be not due to that recession?

**SHRI B. R. BHAGAT:** As I explained, Sir, there might be some indications that some of our exports like those of manganese ore are declining. As for manganese ore it is particularly because the steel industry in America is very badly off. Its production has

gone down and I think they are working to 40 or 45 per cent of their capacity. As it is we cannot say how long the recession will last. It is the view in American circles both of the economists and of the Government that the bottom of the recession is reached, and unless the recession deepens or it is prolonged we cannot say that it will have a pronounced effect on our economy. At present we can only say that it has not had any pronounced effect though some of our exports like those of manganese ore or some other may be declining. Still the impact is not very much.

**SHRI H. D. RAJAH:** Is it the hon. Minister's view that the country's economy is on an inflationary basis and consequently he expects a recession in this country also?

**SHRI B. R. BHAGAT:** I am not called upon to confirm the opinion of the hon. Member. I am only saying that in India as it is, as I said, we have a developing economy. There is always a built-in inflationary situation here, but due to our policies we have controlled it and we are not alarmed by these recessionary impacts because there is already a cushion here.

**SHRI N. M. LINGAM:** As tea is a key export commodity, may I enquire whether the American recession is having any effect on this commodity?

**SHRI B. R. BHAGAT:** The tea export has declined a little bit, but we cannot relate it to the American recession, because our exports of tea to America are only 30 million pounds, which forms a very negligible part of our total tea exports. On the other hand, we export to the U. K. more than 400 million pounds. So, although there has been a little decline in the exports of tea, it cannot be related to the American recession.

**SHRI V. PRASAD RAO:** Some sections inside the American Congress themselves feel that this recession is going to last for some time more. May

I know what is the basis for our own Government to think that this recession is not going to last and it is not going to affect our economy, in view of the fact that our trade, especially the foreign trade, is mostly linked with the capitalist countries?

**DR. R. B. GOUR:** The basis is complacency.

**SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI:** These are all matters of opinion and opinions can differ.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** After all, they have been very cautious. They say, 'so far', 'does not appear', 'pronounced effect'. So, there are three clauses here which help them a lot. Next question.

\*93. [The questioner (Shrimati Pushpalata Das) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 842—844) infra.]

#### SHIFTING OF THE OFFICES OF THE INDIAN BUREAU OF MINES

\*94. **SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta offices of the Indian Bureau of Mines are proposed to be shifted from Calcutta; and

(b) if so, where they are proposed to be shifted and what are the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF MINES AND OIL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The offices of the Bureau at Calcutta and Delhi are to be shifted to Nagpur because it is necessary in the interest of efficiency and administrative convenience that all of them should be located in one place. Moreover, it is necessary to relieve the congestion in Delhi where the question of accommodation has become very acute. Nagpur has been selected because of its central location and the fact that accommodation, adequate for the