

dicapped. Scholarships are being awarded. A Board has been set up to advise the Government. A National Centre is being developed at Dehra Dun and various other steps are being taken. If the hon. Member gives me notice, I shall be able to give detailed replies.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Was she satisfied with the condition of the institutions which she visited in this country?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: We are ourselves not satisfied.

MR. CHAIRMAN: She was not satisfied and we are not satisfied.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether it is not a fact that there are two million blind people in our country and how many of them are going to be employed in the second Five Year Plan?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I do not have the figures just now. If the hon. Member gives me notice, I shall be able to answer it.

GERMAN FELLOWS STUDYING IN INDIA UNDER THE INDO-GERMAN INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION SCHEME

*3. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of German Fellows at present studying in India under the Indo-German Industrial Co-operation Scheme;

(b) the institutions in which these Fellows are studying; and

(c) how many Fellows have so far finished their studies under the scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) Six.

(b) Deccan College Post-graduate Research Institute, Poona (two);

Delhi School of Economics, (Delhi University), Delhi (two); School of Tropical Medicines, Calcutta (one) and Maharaja's College, Mysore (one).

(c) Fourteen.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether there are any German studying here under any other scheme apart from this scheme?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The hon. Member wanted to know about this scheme. If he wants to know about the other schemes, he should give me notice.

DR. P. C. MITRA: May I know how many Indian nationals are studying in Germany under this scheme?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Under this particular scheme it was arranged that the German Government would provide 50 places for Indian nationals in various German Universities and technical institutions and 10 places for the training of Indian engineers in German industries.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: May I know whether the term 'German Fellows' has been used in the dignified or vulgar sense?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Very dignified.

DR. P. C. MITRA: May I know the total amount spent on the German Fellows who have so far finished their studies in India?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The total amount I do not have, but they get a maintenance allowance of Rs. 500 per month and also passage.

TRAINING OF INDIAN ENGINEERS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE MANU- FACTURE OF IRON AND STEEL

*4. SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: Will the Minister for IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of engineers so far sent to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, West Germany, the United Kingdom and other countries for

aining in the various branches of on and steel manufacture; and

(b) the period of their training?

THE MINISTER FOR IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI):

(a) The Ministry has so far sent 91 engineers to the U.S.S.R., 80 engineers to West Germany and none to other countries yet.

(b) 6 months to begin with but can be extended by mutual agreement.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know how these engineers are being selected?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: On the basis of their qualifications and on the basis of our needs.

DR. P. C. MITRA: May I know whether all the engineers are in Government service?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: They will be in the service of the steel plants.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know the terms and conditions on which these engineers are being given training in foreign countries?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: Their salaries are fixed. The terms and conditions are that we send them over there and we meet all their expenses, and when they are out, they are paid their salaries in this country.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Apart from these qualified engineers, may I know whether others also are sent?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: We do not send unqualified people anywhere.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Those people who are not degree-holders.

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: Maybe they are degree-holders or

diploma-holders, but the people must have some precise qualifications. Otherwise they are not chosen for such training.

DR. R. P. DUBE: May I know whether the Government has any scheme to send more people abroad?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: We shall have to send many more than we have already.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

INSTITUTE OF ARMAMENT STUDIES, KIRKEE

1. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any foreigners on the staff of the Institute of Armament Studies at Kirkee; and

(b) if so, what are their names?

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE ORGANISATION (SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (1) Prof. C. H. Smith, C.B.E., and (2) Gp. Capt. E. M. T. Howell, R.A.F.

INDIA'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE EXPANDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

2. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial contribution made by India to the Expanded Technical Assistance Programme of the United Nations in the year 1956; and

(b) the extent of benefit derived by India under the above Programme during the same year?

THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) Rs. 21.42 lakhs (\$ 4,50,000).