

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS : So far as these scholarships are concerned, their monthly amount is Rs. 250 only, which is insufficient for maintaining them in any foreign country. But in these particular cases these scholars wanted that they should be permitted to go to England and take training there and no extra money should be given by the Government of India.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is not that. Whether they can be given training in Indian stage-craft, production, etc. in England—that is the question.

SHRI B. V. (MAMA) WARERKAR : In fact, there are so many institutions in India which can impart training in this respect. Why did they want to go to foreign countries?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS : Perhaps they thought that the training would be better there.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : Who are these people that were sent there; what are their qualifications in each case?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS : One was Shrimati Gurunan Soni. She is studying at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London. Another was Shri Habib Ahmed Khan Tanvir. He joined the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London, on 18th May 1955. Another was Shri Shivendra Kumar Sinha who joined the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London. There are two others. One was Shri Sushil Kumar Anand. He joined the Bristol Old Vic. Theatre School, Bristol, England. Another was Kumari Madhur Bahadur. She joined the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, London.

SHRI B. B. SHARMA : May I know the States from which the scholars come?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS : That information is not with me now.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO : Did the Government of India pay the passage money?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS : There is no provision for giving any passage money to the scholars. It was met by the scholars themselves.

SHRI B. B. SHARMA : Sir, My question has not been answered. From what States these scholars come?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS : That particular information is not at my disposal.

SHRI B. V. (MAMA) WARERKAR : What are the qualifications of these students who have been sent to the foreign countries?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS : I have not that information at my disposal. If the hon. Member wants it, he may give notice.

NATIONAL BOOK TRUST

*341. **SHRI B. V. (MAMA) WARERKAR :** Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Book Trust has started functioning;

(b) if so, what work has so far been done by the Trust; and

(c) what expenditure has been incurred on that account?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) The questions do not arise.

SHRI B. V. (MAMA) WARERKAR : When will the Trust begin in this respect?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI : About What?

SHRI B. V. (MAMA) WARERKAR : When will the Trust begin working?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI : Shortly.