

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: If a State converts more than its quota, are the grants also suitably enhanced?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Well, Sir, our difficulty has been that the State Governments have not been able to utilise the funds that have been placed at their disposal but if they make any additional request, the Ministry of Education will always consider it.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: When a primary school is converted into a basic school, are the teachers working in the primary schools who get into these basic schools given more pay?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: That differs from place to place.

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: May I know the number of primary schools converted into basic schools in the State of West Bengal?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: All this is in the Statement, Sir.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: May I know the number of primary schools converted into basic schools during the first Five Year Plan period?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Whatever information I have is contained in the Statement, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: It is clear from the Statement that a particular number of schools have been sanctioned for some States and it is also clear that they have opened more schools. In this connection, I want to know whether the grants have also been increased suitably.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I do not know how the hon. Member says that more schools have been opened. We have not received reports from most of the States and the reports we have received relate only to West Bengal where we sanctioned 125 schools and the report says that they have converted 85; in Madhya Bharat 168 schools were sanctioned for conversion and 168 have been converted. Rajasthan was sanctioned 10 and. ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please don't read what is contained in the statement.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Mysore has opened 168.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The Mysore Government has not given a report. This figure of 168 relates to Madhya Bharat.

DR. R. P. DUBE: Is there trained personnel available to man these schools? If so, where are they trained?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: We are converting the ordinary training schools into basic training schools.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: When these ordinary primary schools are converted into basic schools, are the teachers also converted likewise?

(No reply)

SHRI ABHIMANYU RATH: Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that some of the teachers of such schools are engaged in party propaganda work? If so, what action is taken?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I am not aware of that, Sir.

INDIAN APPRENTICES RECEIVING TRAINING IN GERMANY

•557. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian apprentices selected by Government who are receiving training at present in (i) West Germany and (ii) East Germany; and

(b) whether negotiations for getting more training facilities for Indian apprentices in both the States are in progress?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. MONO MOHAN DAS): (a) (i) 101 engineers and technologists.

(ii) None.

(b) Yes, Sir. Only with the West German Government.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether this number includes people sent from the industrial concerns in India also?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: So far as industrial concerns are concerned, our Rourkela Plant, a project under the Ministry of Iron and Steel, also sends large number of engineers to be trained in Germany.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether there is any fixed programme under which a certain number of apprentices are sent abroad or is it that they are sent as and when the need for trained personnel arises?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: So far as the Ministries are concerned, we have got a scheme under which every alternate year we send eighty students for practical training and 50 students for post-graduate training.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether the subject for which these apprentices are sent is also fixed?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: They are not apprentices in the strict sense of the term. They are engineers, who after their Bachelor's degree in engineering, go out for practical training or for post-graduate training.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: Is it a fact that some matriculates and persons who had passed the Intermediate examination in Arts have been sent to Germany for practical training? He said that^ Engineers are sent but I want to know* whether what I have stated is correct or not.

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: So far as students being trained in Germany are concerned, there are two groups; one is Government sponsored which consists of 101 students at present and the other group consists of private students, students who have gone there at their own expense and this group is 299 in number. So far as the Government-sponsored group is concerned, no one with the qualifications mentioned by the hon. Member has been sent.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: My question did not relate to the students who have not been sponsored by the Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He said that so far as the Government-sponsored students were concerned, all were graduates. That is what he says.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: I want to know about the students sponsored by the Rourkela Steel Plant which he referred to earlier.

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: I think, Sir, that this question may profitably be put to the Minister for Iron and Steel.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: What is the basis on which these selections are made?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: We invite applications prescribing the minimum qualifications. When the applications come in, the selection is made by a selection committee.

SHRI ABHIMANYU RATH: How many students have been sent so far from Orissa State?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: That question is very important no doubt but the hon. Member may kindly know that it will mean a little more trouble for me. I have to collect that information.

OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS TO SCHEDULED CASTES, SCHEDULED TRIBES AND OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES

*558. SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expenditure incurred on candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes who were awarded Overseas Scholarships during the First Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether any of them have returned after completing their studies; and

(c) if so, whether any of them have been employed by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. MONO MOHAN DAS):
(a) Rs. 1,59,111.

(b) Four have returned after completing their studies.

(c) Two are at present employed under Government and one under the Patna University.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know the number of students at present studying abroad?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: There are at present 14 studying in the United Kingdom and U.S.A. under the Scholarship Scheme for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know the average expenditure on these scholars?