

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, 22nd May 1956

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN

Dr. A. R. Mudaliar (Madras).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

NUMBER OF POSTS IN THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KHARAGPUR

*283. DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts sanctioned in the cadre for the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur;

(b) the number of posts that have fallen vacant so far in the different departments;

(c) the main grounds for the occurrence of such vacancies;

(d) the time which is generally taken in filling up these vacancies; and

(e) the reasons for the delay, if any, in such recruitment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. MONO MOHAN DAS): (a) to (e). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XIII, Annexure No. 62.]

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Sir, considering that the number of vacancies is very large and they have not been filled up for want of suitably qualified persons, may I know if the Government believes that in view of the paucity of talent in the country, in addition to economic poverty, conditions are ripe for the starting of such expensive technological institutions at three other centres?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: There is no doubt that there is paucity of

proper men for filling up the teaching posts, but we are making arrangements so that this paucity may go.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: What exactly is this delay in recruitment due to?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Sir, first of all, for some posts there is scarcity of properly qualified and adequately experienced men. Secondly there are the formalities that have to be gone through by the U.P.S.C. and other recruiting bodies.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Is it not a fact that for more than a year all these vacant posts have not been filled up?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Yes, Sir. There are some posts not having been filled up and thus lying vacant for more than a year; and there are a large number of vacancies where in spite of our best attempts, suitable candidates, suitable persons have not been found at all.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know, Sir, how mere delay is going to reduce this paucity of men?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Sir, we are making arrangements so that proper men may be available, and we do this by two methods. One is, we are trying to bring foreign experts and professors to this country. Secondly, Sir, we are sending our students to foreign countries to qualify themselves for these posts.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if these vacancies have been advertised in the United Kingdom where there are a large number of suitable persons?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: As I have said there are a number of posts where in spite of the best attempts on the part of the Government of India and the U.P.S.C. the proper men are not available. Sometimes we even try personally to contact these men and still we do not get them.