

**SETTING UP OF A NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE DEAF**

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

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal to set up a National Centre for the deaf; and

(b) if so, what are the particulars of the proposal?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Centre for the Deaf is expected to consist of the following: —

(DA Model School for Deaf children with a Clinic for the ascertainment of deafness and a Centre for Research into Phonetics attached to it; its capacity will be 200.,

(2) A Technical Training Centre for the Adult Deaf; its capacity will be 100.

**WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, ROORKEE**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an Afro-Asian War Resources, Development Training Centre was inaugurated recently at Roorkee;

(b) if so, how many trainees are to be admitted in the Centre; and

(c) what is the estimated expenditure to be incurred on this Centre?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD) : (a) Yes.

(b) Fifty candidates per year.

(c) The estimated expenditure on the Centre is as follows:—

**Non-recurring—**

|   | Rs.              |
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| Equipment (to be procured through Technical Co-operation Mission) | 1,83,000         |
| Construction of hostel for trainees                               | 5,36,000         |
| Construction of staff quarters                                    | 4,10,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>11,29,000</b> |

Ultimate recurring expenditure on staff salaries, stores, maintenance, etc. 2,56,000"

**ARMED FORCES' BENEVOLENT FUND**

316. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state the basis on which the disbursement from the Armed Forces Benevolent Fund is determined?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA) : The aim of this Fund is to alleviate economic distress amongst ex-servicemen and serving personnel and their families. Bulk allocations are made from this Fund to the three Services on the basis of their requirements. With these allocations the Services augment their various Benevolent Funds, which are administered directly by them. Grants to individuals are sanctioned on merits by Committees which manage the various Funds.

**SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

317. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of (i) sponsored and (ii) non-sponsored students who passed their examinations in the various foreign languages in each of the courses from the School of Foreign Languages during 1953-54, 1954-55 and so far in 1955-56; and

(b) the number of students who failed in the examinations?