

(b) the number of years in which the capital outlay on it will be recouped from revenues?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA)

(a) The cost of the National Defence Academy is being treated as capital expenditure and financed from non-revenue sources. No loans have been specifically raised to finance the project. The fact that the cost of the National Defence Academy is being treated as capital expenditure was stated in the answer that I gave to starred question No 14 answered in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd August 1954.

(b) The question of recoupment of cost of the project does not arise.

BACKWARD CLASSES COMMISSION'S VISIT TO ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

*204 MOULANA M FARUQI Will the Minister for HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the Backward Classes Commission have visited the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B N DATAR): No, Sir

مولانا ایم-فاروقی : اس بارے میں

اشیورنس دلایا گیا تھا کہ اس قسم کا
تیلیگیشن جائے والا ہے - کیا کوئی
تیلیگیشن بھیجنے کے بارے میں غور
کیا جا رہا ہے ؟

†[مولانا ام. فاروقی : کیا اس بارے
میں کوئی ایشیورنس دیا گیا تھا کہ اس
قسم کا ڈیلیگیشن جانے والا ہے ؟ کیا
کوئی ڈیلیگیشن بھیجنے کے بارے میں غور
کیا جا رہا ہے ؟]

SHRI B N DATAR I may point out to the hon Member that the Backward Classes Commission did not consider it necessary to visit the Andaman Islands because they are contemplating to include all the inhabitants of these islands in the list

†Translation in Devnagari

of Backward Classes in view of the handicaps that they are suffering from.

SHRI S N MAZUMDAAR But is it not necessary to see the conditions of these classes, these sections of people, who are intended to be included in the list of Backward Classes, on the spot

SHRI B N DATAR The Backward Classes Commission must have before them the necessary reports and representations and ultimately it is a matter for their discretion, and we would not like to interfere with their discretion.

SHRI S N MAZUMDAR It is not a question of interference. The question is whether the Government has any opinion in this matter and whether this opinion was communicated to the Backward Classes Commission.

SHRI B N DATAR The opinion of the Government of India is that the Backward Classes Commission should go into the whole question, and it is entirely for the Backward Classes Commission to visit such parts of India as they consider necessary.

SHRI S N DWIVEDY When is this Commission likely to submit its report?

SHRI B N DATAR It is expected that by the end of this month they would be submitting their report.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED TO OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES IN ASSAM

*205 SHRIMATI BEDAVATI BURAGOHAIN Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to refer to page 371 of the Report of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Tribes for 1953 and state

(a) the number of scholarships which have so far been granted to students of Other Backward Classes in Assam during the current financial year, and

(b) the number of such students from Assam who applied for the same during the period?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR K L SHRIMALI).

(a) 286.

(b) 902

SHRIMATI BEDAVATI BURAGOHAIN May I know the total number of applications received from the States for scholarships and the number of scholarships awarded this year?

DR K L SHRIMALI I cannot give the list Statewise I am giving the number of applications received and scholarships awarded in 1954-55 for the whole country

<i>Applications received from eligible candidates belonging to</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Scholar- ships awarded</i>
Scheduled Castes	10,359	10,359
Scheduled Tribes	2,474	2,474
Other Backward Classes	20,761	7,330
Total applications received		33,594
Total Scholarships awarded		20,163

As I said, these applications are for the whole country, not for Assam

SHRIMATI BEDAVATI BURAGOHAIN May I know Sir whether there is any scheme with the Government for awarding foreign scholarships to backward students for higher education?

DR K L SHRIMALI These are for candidates who have passed the Matriculation Examination

SHRI N PRASADARAO From the figures that were quoted just now it seems that all the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who applied for got the scholarships whereas the Backward Classes have got only 1/3rd or 1/4th, I mean that only 1/3rd or 1/4th of those who applied for got the scholarships What is the reason for this?

DR K L SHRIMALI: We have tried to increase the number of scholarships for the Backward Classes also This year all I Class men and all women have been given the scholarships

SHRI T BODRA May I know if the Government is thinking of setting up a special Board of Education for the education of Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes?

DR K L. SHRIMALI. No Sir, Government have no such intention at present

MICA STOCKS

†*142 SHRI N PRASADARAO Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that large stocks of mica ores are lying in Andhra, Bihar and Rajasthan, and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken for the disposal of these stocks?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA) (a) Information regarding stocks of mica lying in Andhra, Bihar and Rajasthan has been called for from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House, when received

(b) Does not arise at present

FOREIGNERS INVITED TO INDIA UNDER POINT FOUR PROGRAMME

†*154 MOULANA M FARUQI. Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state the amount of expenditure incurred on the maintenance of the foreign experts appointed under the Point Four Programme in 1953 and so far in 1954?

†Postponed from the 2nd December 1954