

PAYMENT OF STIPENDS TO SCHEDULED
CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES
STUDENTS

*349. SHRI R. BISWASROY: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that some Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students have been forced to leave schools and colleges because the payment of stipends due to them has been delayed by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in order to ensure regular payment of the stipends to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. No student, within the knowledge of Government, has left for the reason suggested. Considering the vast increase in the number of scholarships there has been no delay in the payment of the scholarships

SHRI S. N. DWIVEDI: Have they not received any representation that the students have not received their scholarships for six months at least?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: No, Sir, but we are aware of the fact that there has been some delay but the cause of the delay has been that there was an enormous increase in the number of applications received. The information supplied by the students was also not adequate and we had to write to them asking them to supply the information. The scholarships have been sanctioned and they have been now sent also

I might inform the House, Sir, that the heads of educational institutions have been instructed in the letter announcing the awards not to press the scholars for the payment of fees just now.

BRAILLE PRINTING MACHINE IN INDIA

*350 SHRIMATI ANGELINA TIGA: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Braille printing presses in India; and

(b) the regional languages in which books are printed in the Central Braille Press?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) One.

(b) It has not yet been possible for the Central Braille Press to produce any literature in regional languages. Books are being printed only in Hindi.

SHRIMATI ANGELINA TIGA: From which country was this machine imported and what amount of money was paid for it?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I am not able to answer the first part of the question just now, but the total cost involved is Rs 1,40,000. That is the amount which has been spent

SHRIMATI ANGELINA TIGA: Sir, since when was this printing started?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The press was established in 1950.

*351. [For answer, vide column 2439 infra.]

INDIANS DEPORTED DURING BRITISH
REGIME

*352. SHRI E. K. IMBICHIBAVA: Will the Minister for HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians who were deported from India during the British rule and who have been permitted to return to India by the Government of India after attainment of independence; and

(b) whether any of the Indians deported during the British rule have been refused permission to return to India, and if so, the reasons therefor?