

SHRI M. VALIULLA: My submission is in subjects like mechanical engineering, electrical engineering etc. there are students in the second year also. I want to know why there are no students in the second year in the other subjects?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: May I answer that question? For the simple reason that with regard to some subjects, courses were started one year earlier and hence there are students in the second year. But with regard to these subjects—town-planning etc.—which are new in this country, we have begun now the first year only.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the number of students likely to be taken in during 1953-54?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: That is for the Governing Council of the Institute to decide.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: It was estimated that the Institute would take in 600 students. Have they taken in 600 students?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The Governing Council decided what new courses should be started in 1953-54 and accordingly they have decided also to take more students. If the hon. Member wants me to give the list of all these new subjects and the number of students. I shall get the information and supply it to him.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: It was also estimated last year that this year they would have communication engineering, transport engineering, workshop technology. But these classes have not been opened. May I know why?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: If the hon. Member is specifically interested in these things, I request him to come to my office and I will supply him all the information that I can collect.

SHRI B. GUPTA: What is the annual expenditure on this institution?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I am afraid I cannot give the exact figure now.

SHRI B. GUPTA: Had any attempts been made to start similar classes in the Jadavpur Engineering College and the Sibpur Engineering College before these classes were started here?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Which classes does the hon. Member mean?

SHRI B. GUPTA: Is the hon. Minister aware that representation was made by the members of those institutes that such classes should be started there, after making certain alterations and arrangements there?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I am not aware of any such representation having been made.

SHRI B. GUPTA: Is the hon. Minister aware that complaints have been made by the staff and workers of this institute against the administration by the authorities of the institute?

MR. CHAIRMAN: We are proceeding away from the question. The question is about the present strength and the duration of the training. From that we went to the budget and from the budget we are going to the administration, and then I suppose to the whole scheme of technical education in the country—and then the Five Year Plan.

SHRI B. GUPTA: But, Sir, if the administration is bad, education will be worse still.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question, Mr. Mahanty.

DELEGATION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO THE ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

*45. SHRI S. MAHANTY: Will the Minister for HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of five Members of Parliament left for the

Andaman and Nicobar Islands on the 13th January 1953;

(b) if so, the names of the Members of the delegation and the political parties to which they belong; and

(c) the purpose for which the delegation has been sent and the estimated expenditure to be incurred on this account?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): (a), (b) and (c). Some members of Parliament had gone on a study tour to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Government of India had no connection with this tour, nor was it sponsored by them.

PROF. G. RANGA: Sir, I would like to have a little elucidation about this tour not having been "sponsored by" Government. Are we to understand that if some Members of Parliament wish to go to the Andamans, Government are not prepared to afford them the necessary diplomatic and other facilities?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: There is no question of any diplomatic facilities. We, however, give them other facilities.

PROF. G. RANGA: I mean other facilities.

SHRI B. N. DATAR: Yes, these other facilities were offered them at their cost.

PROF. G. RANGA: Then why is it said that Government did not sponsor it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: They never started the business.

SHRI B. N. DATAR: We did not ask them to go. They went of their own accord; and we afforded them such facilities as they required, at their own cost.

SHRI B. GUPTA: May I know if attempts were made to secure repre-

sentatives from all the political parties on this Parliamentary delegation?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: It was not a representative delegation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It was not a Government sponsored thing. If you want to go, they will consider the case.

RADIO EQUIPMENT FACTORY

*46. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a radio equipment factory;

(b) if so, the details of such proposal including the location of the industry and the outlay involved;

(c) the arrangement made to provide technical assistance to the factory; and

(d) the kinds of materials that are proposed to be manufactured in it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) Yes.

(b) A contract has been entered into with a French firm, for the setting up of an Electronics and tele-communications factory in this country. It is proposed to locate the factory at Bangalore, but a definite decision has not yet been taken. The total outlay involved is about Rs. 7 crores.

(c) The factory will be set up with the technical assistance of the firm. They will send their experts for running the factory and training the Indian personnel who will take over from them as early as possible.

(d) Signals and radio equipment required by the Government Departments and the Defence Services, including miniature valves and components. It is not proposed to manufacture broadcast receivers at the factory.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: How many experts are to come and assist in the starting of the factory?