

THE MINISTER FOR REHABILITATION (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) Am-tali Camp—24; Arundhuti Nagar Camp—25.

(b) Diseases like dysentery, malaria, ascites etc., and old age, debility.

(c) The camps have been properly disinfected and fully equipped with dispensaries affording indoor treatment under qualified staff. Arrangements for drinking water have been made from tube-wells. Displaced persons have been vaccinated and inoculated against typhoid. They are being shifted to rehabilitation centres.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: The Minister said malaria, etc. May I know what that etcetera means?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Other diseases which produce death.

SHRI B. RATH: May I know what is the total number of deaths in these camps from old age?

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is old age? When does it start?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: Five.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: How many died from malaria?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: One.

#### TEACHING OF HINDI IN THE UNIVERSITIES

\*252. SHRI K. C. GEORGE: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a conference under the Ministry of Education was held in Delhi to consider the question of teaching Hindi in the various universities; and

(b) if so, (i) what was the agenda of the Conference; (ii) the persons who attended the conference; and (iii) what decisions were taken thereat?

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

(b) (i) and (ii). The agenda of the Conference and the names of participants are placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, Annexure No. 82.]

(iii) The Conference made certain recommendations which will be considered by Government of India after the Central Advisory Board of Education have considered them.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: Is it a fact that the Conference decided unanimously that the study of Hindi should be made optional and not compulsory?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I do not know, Sir. But so far as secondary schools are concerned, one of their recommendations was that it should be a compulsory subject.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: When I asked him whether it is a fact that the Conference unanimously decided that the study of Hindi should be made optional in the universities, the hon. Minister says that he does not know, but then he says that one of the recommendations is that it should be made compulsory in secondary schools. I cannot understand his reply.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your question was a general question to which he replied that he does not know. But then he made a specific answer in regard to secondary schools.

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I do not know about the universities, but about secondary schools I said that one of their recommendations was that it should be made compulsory.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: What is their recommendation with regard to colleges?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I require notice to answer that.

PROF. R. D. SINHA DINKAR: Is it a fact that one university was represented at this Conference by one who is not a Hindi teacher, although a Hindi Department is attached to that University?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Which universities does the hon. Member have in mind?

PROF. R. D. SINHA DINKAR: Calcutta University.

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The universities were asked to send the heads of their Hindi Departments but where there were no Hindi Departments and where a Hindi section was to be organised in the immediate future, they were requested to send the Dean of Faculty of the Arts Department. The Calcutta University representative may not be knowing Hindi if he was the Dean of the Faculty of Arts. Shri S. K. Banerjee represented the Calcutta University.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Does the Government propose to acquire a university so that they might impart education through the medium of Hindi?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: That is a suggestion.

PROF. R. D. SINHA DINKAR: What happened to the resolution which was brought before this Conference to congratulate the Government for their proposal to start a Hindi Academy?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: If the papers are on the Table the hon. member can see. There is nothing specific about the information he wants.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: May I know whether the Government is at all aware of the recommendations made by this Conference?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The hon. Member is not audible.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He asks whether you are aware of the recommendations made by that Conference?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Yes.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: When the whole report has been placed before the Government, how is it that the hon. Minister said that he did not know anything about their recommendations regarding the teaching of Hindi in the universities?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: He wanted certain specific information. That information is not contained in the proceedings.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: Then he ought to have said that it is not in the proceedings. I could have understood him then.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Immediately the proceedings are published, a copy will be laid on the Table.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Is it not published now?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The recommendations are published, but the decision of the Government will be taken after the Central Advisory Board have considered them.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: If he can give information about the teaching of Hindi in secondary schools, what is the difficulty with the hon. Minister, who was present at the Conference and should be knowing their recommendations, in stating the position about the teaching of Hindi in the universities?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He will place all that on the Table when you can see.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Why cannot he say.....

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: About the teaching of Hindi in the universities, I cannot give any information now.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: We are only asking about their recommendation with regard to the teaching of Hindi in the universities.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: He says he does not know it.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Then I would submit that he cannot function as a Minister.

\*253 & \*254. [The questioner (Shri B. Gupta) was absent.]

\*255. [The questioner (Shri S. N. Dwivedy) was absent.]

#### INSTITUTIONS IN RADIO TECHNOLOGY IN INDIA

\*256. SHRI E. K. IMBICHIBAVA: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutions in each State in India which give training in radio technology;

(b) the number of students who received training in such institutions (State-wise) every year since 1950;

(c) what prospects are offered to the students so trained; and

(d) how many persons so trained have so far been employed by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. Information regarding the number of students trained in the years 1951-52 and 1952-53 is being collected and will be furnished as soon as it is ready. [See Appendix IV, Annexure No. 83.]

(c) Government do not offer any special prospects to the students of Radio Technology. As in the case of other types of technologists, Radio Technologists are appointed against specific posts in Government Depart-

ments through the normal process of recruitment.

(d) The required information is not readily available.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: In the statement supplied it is said that in Bombay there is one institution for the post-graduate course and another in Madhya Pradesh but in 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52, if I may presume, there has not been a single student trained. May I know whether those institutions are still running?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The information supplied to me is that so far in the post-graduate course students have not been trained fully although two are being trained.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: May I know whether that facility is still existing in Bombay as well as in Madhya Pradesh?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Yes.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: From the statement supplied I find that the diploma courses seem to be popular in Bombay. There are three institutions training 15 in 1949-50 and 27 in 1950-51 in Bombay. In Mysore there are 2 institutions with 11 students in 1949-50 and 6 in 1950-51. May I know as to why the diploma courses are popular and not degree course?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I cannot say anything about it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We want more diploma men than engineering degree men. For one engineer we require 10 technicians.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: What is the expenditure incurred with regard to the institutions containing post-graduate courses in Bombay and Madhya Pradesh when there is not one student available?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I require notice for that.