

report of that officer? Has he submitted any report at all?

Shri Morarji Desai: I cannot place before the House any report, or any comments about any report, until the enquiry is over.

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know whether any report has been submitted or not.

Shri Morarji Desai: I have not got any report.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: And yet he says it is all false.

Gratuity Plan for University Teachers

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*858. { **Shri Maheswar Naik:**
 { **Shri Vasudevan Nair:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has set up a three-man Committee to examine a gratuity plan for University teachers;

(b) what specific aspects of the question are required to be examined by the body; and

(c) how the financial obligations, if any, are expected to be met?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To examine the possibility of setting up a scheme of annuity or insurance for University and College teachers.

(c) This is under consideration.

Shri Maheswar Naik: What are the retirement benefits, if any, that are now being given to the college teachers at the moment?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: Some provident fund benefits are given.

Shri Maheswar Naik: May I know whether the benefit of this scheme will be extended to the teachers of the colleges managed by private institutions?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: A committee has just been appointed and it has started examining the whole question. All the aspects will have to be considered by this committee. I am not in a position now to give the details with regard to the scheme.

Shrimati Sarojini Mahishi: May I know when the three-man committee is expected to submit its report?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: It may take some time. But we shall request the University Grants Commission to have the report as early as possible.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: Now the committee is enquiring into the scheme of gratuity for teachers, may I know whether the University Grants Commission has thought of both the schemes—the scheme of gratuity and the scheme of pension—for the university teachers? Because the University Grants Commission is considering this scheme of gratuity, will it mean that the scheme of pension will not be considered at all?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: All these matters are under the consideration of this Committee.

Foreign Exchange for Students

*859. **Shri Mohammad Elias:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students who have been given foreign exchange to study abroad during the year 1961-62;

(b) how much foreign exchange was given to them during this period;

(c) whether any students have been refused foreign exchange; and

(d) if so, their number and the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha): (a) The total number of students who were given foreign exchange to study abroad during the calendar year 1961, inclusive of renewal sanc-