

Shri P. K. Bee: Is the Government going to publish the various palm leaf manuscripts relating to the Odissi dance?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Some attempts are being made to collect this material and after they have been collected we will publish them as far as possible.

Shri Panigrahi: After the dance has been recognised as one of the classical dances of India by this Akadami, does the Government propose to extend some financial assistance for improving it in Orissa?

Mr. Speaker: All these are hypothetical questions. First of all, it must be recognised as an all-India system.

Shri Panigrahi: It has been recognised.

Shri Humayun Kabir: Without going into the arguments or reasons, I may say that encouragement will be given to this form of dance.

Mr. Speaker: Encouragement means money also.

Shri Mahanty: To whom have these grants been made? What are the credentials of the institutions or individuals to whom these grants have been made?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Grants were made to the National Music Association, Cuttack and the Orissa Sangeet Parishad, Puri.

Shri Mahanty: May I know whether any assessment has been made of the results of these grants?

Mr. Speaker: Did the hon. Member not witness any Odissi dance performance here? I would only say to all hon. Members that they must see our activities in the field of art and culture and other fields also. Hon. Members will spend sometime in the nights from 9 to 12 to witness such activities.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know if it is a fact that Shri Kalicharan Patnaik who is described as the father of the

Odissi system of dance has approached the Government for some financial assistance to publish certain rare manuscripts which he has discovered?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I have already said that the Sangeet Natak Akadami is engaged in the search for manuscripts and will publish them as far as possible. But I am sure hon. Members will appreciate that we cannot publish everything that is available for lack of funds.

Three Year Degree Course

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*1751. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Tangamani:
Shrimati Parvathi
Kri-hnan:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agra University has objected to the implementation of three year degree course;

(b) whether this is due to some financial difficulties; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Centre to solve this difficulty?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b). Reply from the Agra University reveals that financial and accommodation difficulties will be experienced by the affiliated colleges, if the three-year degree course is adopted by them.

(c) The special difficulties of the colleges/Universities in the State of U. P. are being examined in consultation with the State Government by a Committee set up for the purpose.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know the total amount required to overcome the financial difficulties?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: That is a matter which is being investigated into and the committee is looking into this matter.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know the names of member of the committee that is examining this question?

Dr. K. L. Shrivalli: Shri Deshmukh is its chairman. There are several members and I do not have a list with me at present.

Shri Tangamani: In reply to a previous question, the hon. Minister has stated that only the universities in U.P. and Bombay have not adopted the three year degree course and that the other universities have adopted this course. In view of the recommendations already made for achieving uniformity, will steps be taken to help other universities also in the current year—not only Agra but other universities?

Dr. K. L. Shrivalli: I have already stated in the House that the Government had accepted the Deshmukh Committee report and now the recommendations are in the process of implementation. We shall give grants to all those universities which have accepted the three year degree course. The committee's report is being implemented.

Swami Ramananda Tirtha: I understand that the Osmania University that has implemented the three-year degree course since June, 1957 and the Marathwada colleges which continue to be affiliated to the Osmania University are suffering under heavy financial liabilities to the point of breaking down. Will the Minister of Education give new consideration to this aspect of the question?

Dr. K. L. Shrivalli: The Ministry will consider all the aspects. There will be no discrimination in giving grants to the universities.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know whether the U. P. Govt. has fixed any time-limit for the implementation of this scheme?

Dr. K. L. Shrivalli: As far as I understand, the U. P. Government is also coming into line with other universities in this matter. But it has certain genuine difficulties. As soon as they are resolved through consultation and negotiation, we hope that it

would also implement this recommendation.

Deaf and Dumb Students

*1752. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stipends given to deaf and dumb students in Delhi and in other parts of India by the Government of India during 1956-57 and 1957-58;

(b) whether these students were able to utilise these stipends; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivalli): (a) 1956-57—50 1957-58—78.

(b) 27 and 46 students availed of these scholarships during 1956-57 and 1957-58 respectively.

(c) The remaining scholars could not avail of the scholarships chiefly on account of inability to secure admission into recognised institutions.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know if the Government proposes to ask all the schools and other institutions to take these deaf and dumb boys and girls who apply for stipends? Otherwise, they will not be able to use the stipends or a large part of it remains unutilised.

Dr. K. L. Shrivalli: I would like to inform the hon. Member that the Government are already in touch with the State Governments. One of the State Governments has taken very active steps. The Madras State has already written to all the institutions to admit these students in the normal institutions. I am hoping that other States will also give necessary instructions to all these institutions. The problem is difficult and the Government is making every effort to see that these boys get admission in these institutions.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: May I know if any survey or scientific assessment has been carried out to assess the number of deaf and dumb students and the