

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** We are contacting our Embassies in different countries and getting the figures. The position will be clear after we get the full information on the subject.

**Shri Tangamani.** The hon. Parliamentary Secretary said that we have got enough pig iron for the current year. May I know what is the quantity that has been manufactured this year and whether any quantity has been exported to foreign countries also?

**Mr. Speaker.** The hon. Member wants to know the total quantity produced and the quantity exported if any during this year.

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** I have said that this year it is near about 0.3 million tons. The production is 0.5 million tons.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Is the export 0.3 million tons?

**Shri Dasappa.** The hon. Parliamentary Secretary has said that there is enough of pig iron to meet the needs of the country and also for some export. May I know whether this is not due to the fact that there is shortage of steel production—that is, conversion of pig iron into steel.

**The Minister of Steel Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** It is true that there is shortage of steel and what the hon. Member is saying is partially true because there is always a little time-lag between the production of pig iron and its conversion into steel. So, the partial surplus that is there today is on account of the time-lag. But even if we accept this, there is likely to be sufficient pig iron for the requirements of the country and during the next two or three years we can also export.

**Shri Dasappa:** Is it not a fact that all these works which are producing pig iron are clamouring for steel plants and there is a lot of delay in permitting them to have their steel plants?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** It is much too general a question. If any specific instance is brought to my notice, I can give the answer.

**Shri Dasappa:** There are factories which are producing plenty of pig iron but they are unable to convert it into steel for they have not had the chance to import machinery for that purpose.

**Mr. Speaker.** Is it suggested that each one of these pig iron producers is interested in erecting a steel factory of its own?

**Shri Dasappa:** It is exactly so, Sir. There is the Mysore Iron and Steel Works for instance.

**Mr. Speaker.** The hon. Member might put a specific question whether the Mysore Iron and Steel Works people who want to put up a factory have got the permission.

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** They already have a steel factory, Sir.

**Mr. Speaker.** There seems to be some confusion.

#### Linguistic Minorities

\*611 **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of fixing intervals at which the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities will submit reports has been under consideration, and

(b) if so, decision taken thereon?

**The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant):** (a) and (b) It

has been decided that the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities shall submit his report to the President once every year. His first report will be for the period from 30th July, 1957 to 31st July, 1958 and will be submitted in the course of this month, and thereafter, he will submit his report by 31st October of each year.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know whether any reports have been received so far?

**Pandit G. B. Pant:** His report is expected shortly.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know whether the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities has pointed out anything in any State in violation of the rights of the minorities?

**Pandit G. B. Pant:** The Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities has visited certain States and has also tried to collect information from the States regarding matters concerning linguistic minorities.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know whether the Commissioner has pointed out to Government any violation of the guarantees that have been given to the minorities under the Constitution?

**Pandit G. B. Pant:** I am afraid the hon. Member will have to wait for the Report.

**श्री भक्त दर्शन :** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जब से भाषायी अल्पसंख्यकों के सम्बन्ध में इन कमिश्नर महोदय की नियुक्ति की गई है तब से उन्होंने कितने कितने प्रान्तों की समस्याओं को सुलझाने में सफलता प्राप्त की है ?

**पंडित गो० ब० पन्त :** वह पांच प्रान्तों में गये हैं तथा स्वयं छठे प्रान्त में रहते हैं। उन्होंने प्रान्तों से यह माग्य करने की कोशिश की कि जो लिग्विस्टिक माइनोरिटीज के

जिसे कोश बनाया गया है, उसकी कार्रवाई पूरी पूरी हो रही है या नहीं और इसमें क्या कमी है और क्या कमी नहीं है। अपनी तरफ से उन्होंने इस बात की कोशिश की कि जहाँ कमी हो तो वह कमी पूरी की जाय।

**श्री प्र० सु० तारिक :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या कमिश्नर साहब ने उर्दू के बारे में भी कोई तहकीकात की है ?

**पंडित गो० ब० पन्त :** जी हाँ, उन्होंने जितनी बातें उनके दायरे के अन्दर आती हैं उन सब की तहकीकात की है।

**श्री प्र० सु० तारिक :** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या उर्दू खास तौर पर उनके दायरे में आता है या नहीं ?

**पंडित गो० ब० पन्त :** उन के दायरे में वे सब चीज आती हैं जोकि लिग्विस्टिक माइनोरिटीज से ताल्लुक रखती हैं और चूँकि लिग्विस्टिक माइनोरिटीज ऐसी भी हैं जिनकी खास दिलचस्पी उर्दू में है, लिहाजा वह आती है।

**Shri Mahanty:** May I know which States the Linguistic Minorities Commissioner had visited and also whether he had invited memoranda from the organisations of linguistic minorities in those States before drawing up the Report?

**Pandit G. B. Pant:** I think he has received representations and memoranda from linguistic minorities themselves and he has visited a number of States such as West Bengal Mysore, Bombay and Kerala.

**Shri Mahanty:** May I know why the Commissioner did not visit Bihar?

**Pandit G. B. Pant:** Perhaps, there was no particular call. But, if it is so desired, he will visit Bihar. There is no particular reason, I think, for his not visiting Bihar.

**Shri Panigrahi:** May I know whether the linguistic minorities living in Kharswan and Seraikela have submitted any memorandum before this Commissioner?

**Mr. Speaker:** How can the hon. Minister be expected to know these things? We may await the report.

**Shri Achar:** May I know whether any complaints from minorities regarding urgent matters have been received by the hon. Home Minister and whether anything could be done before the Report of the Commissioner comes?

**Mr. Speaker:** All troubles between minorities are urgent.

**Pandit G. B. Pant:** There is trouble between certain States. There are border difficulties and other matters about which I am not only receiving complaints but about which I am extremely worried myself.

#### Engineering Colleges

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\*612 { **Shri Ram Krishan:**  
**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**  
**Shri Achar:**  
**Shri L. Achaw Singh:**

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1287 on the 16th September, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the scheme for the establishment of eight centrally sponsored engineering colleges has since been approved; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

**The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das):** (a) and (b). The scheme is under the consideration of the Government.

**Shri Ram Krishan:** May I know the names of the places where these colleges will be established?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** So far as Engineering colleges are concerned, in the Eastern Zone one at Durgapur in West Bengal and one at Jamshedpur in Bihar; in the Western Zone, one at Nagpur and another at Bhopal; in the Southern Zone, one at Hyderabad—it has now been changed to Warrangal—and another at Mangalore; in the Northern Zone one at Allahabad and another, most probable at Srinagar, will be established.

**Shri Ram Krishan:** May I know whether Government have received any request from the Punjab Government for the establishment of one college?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** I have not got the information at my disposal at present.

**Shri Achar:** May I know when these colleges will start functioning and whether admissions will commence in the next academic year?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** It is not possible; we have got many other colleges which are going to start and which have already been started.

**Shri L. Achaw Singh:** May I know whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a report of the committee appointed by the Planning Commission in which it is stated that the gap between demand and supply of graduates and diploma holders in engineering by 1960-61 would remain as large as ever; and, if so, what steps are being taken to bridge the gap?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** The position so far as the supply of engineers, both graduates and diploma-holders, is concerned, is extremely satisfactory. The report of the Committee referred to by the hon. Member was that by the year 1961 we will require 10,000 graduates and 18,471 diploma holders. The present year's admissions have already reached that target; that is, 10,000 graduates and about 20,000 diploma holders. When these new