

be made not less than two times in every year, unless the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Central Government, otherwise directs.

(c) The Circuit Court has visited these Islands once, in February, 1954.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the scheme for separate judicial officers under the control of the Calcutta High Court has materialised?

Shri G. B. Pant: Well, these islands have only a small population of about 30,000, and I do not know if any rigid consideration can be brought about there.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know how many cases have been disposed of since the Circuit Court is holding its sitting at Port Blair?

Shri G. B. Pant: I understand that seven cases are ripe for consideration or for hearing now and the Circuit Court is likely to visit these islands in February, 1960.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether any representations have been received by the Government about the difficulties they face—the Commissioners, the Sessions Judge and the D.M. Acting Judge?

Shri G. B. Pant: I thought the question was confined to the High Court of Calcutta. I did not really collect information about the subordinate courts, but I do not think that there is any serious difficulty. In fact, any other arrangement may cause greater difficulty.

Technical Teachers Training Programme

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Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri R. C. Majhi:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for training of teachers in selected technical insti-

tutions in the country has been finalised;

(b) if so, when this scheme came into operation, and

(c) how many teachers are now undergoing training and in which institutions?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 17th of August, 1959.

(c) There were on 5th December, 1959, 107 trainees in position, distributed as follows:—

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur	31
Roorkee University, Roorkee	24
College of Engineering, Poona	11
College of Engineering, Guindy, Madras	20
Bengal Engineering College, Sibpur, Howrah	21
TOTAL	107

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know how the selections of the teachers are made? Are they recruited from the outside market or from among the teachers of the existing institutions?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The basis of selection was this. First class graduates were considered, and if they had in addition some organised practical training or industrial experience and/or post-graduate course and/or some research work and/or some experience in teaching, they were given preference.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether they will be required by the Government to serve under Government after the completion of their training and, if not, whether the Government can claim their services?

Shri Humayun Kabir: They have actually to execute a bond that they would go through the entire period of apprenticeship which may be anything from two to three years and thereafter they must serve in an institution if so required.

शेठ गोविन्द दास : यह जो शिक्षक वहाँ शिक्षित किये जा रहे हैं, यह किस किस स्थान से आये हैं, वहीं के हैं या कहीं बाहर के भी आये हैं, और अगर बाहर के आये हैं तो कहां के आये हैं ?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The students are, of course, our students. We have actually selected 146 of whom 107 have already joined. Six more candidates are expected to join very soon. About the remaining 33 candidates, well, they seem to have disappeared.

शेठ गोविन्द दास : मैं यह जानना चाहता था कि आपने जो चुने हैं यह कहां कहां के हैं, क्या यह कुछ आप बता सकेंगे ?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I cannot give the break-up for the States, but I can give this information. About 37 teachers were selected by the State Governments and universities, but the other selections were on an all-India basis. There were 1,200 applications. Out of this, 800 satisfied the conditions for consideration. 374 candidates were interviewed and 109 were actually awarded fellowships.

Shri C. D. Pande: May I know whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the real difficulty of finding suitable men for being appointed as teachers in the training institutions, because the starting salary of a lecturer is Rs. 275 or Rs. 300 whereas a foreman with less qualifications gets Rs. 500, and thus the teaching staff are now of a poor academic calibre?

Shri Humayun Kabir: No, Sir. In regard to these fellowships, we have guaranteed the candidates that, provided they complete their training satisfactorily, they will be started on a salary of Rs. 410.

Shri N. N. Patel: Out of these candidates, may I know how many of them are from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I would require notice.

Pandit J. P. Jyotishi: May I know if the number of candidates selected is enough to cope with the demand that is coming up after the second Plan period?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Originally, we had planned to give only 75 fellowships. We have increased it to 146, and next year, we shall review the position and give scholarships accordingly.

Shri P. B. Ramakrishnan: May I know how many students were sponsored by the existing institutions and what plan do the Government have for placement of these teacher-trainees in the existing colleges?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I gave the figures just now. Probably the hon. Member did not listen. 37 awards were made to people who were selected by the State Governments and other institutions.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether any complaints have been received regarding the kind of selection that is made and, if so, what action has been taken in that regard?

Shri Humayun Kabir: No specific complaint has been received but naturally those who were not selected have said that they would like to be selected.

Lignite Mines in Jammu and Kashmir

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		Mathur:
		Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
		Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
		Shri P. C. Borooah:
		Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question