

**Shri Thanu Pillai:** May I know whether officers of the same grade and cadre of the Central and Provincial Services are paid differently?

**Shri Datar:** I am not sure. I think they are given different scales.

**Shri K. P. Tripathi:** May I know whether an allowance of Rs. 12/8/- a day is given to the Principal only for diverting his motor car from his own office to the Administrative Training School?

**Shri Datar:** I do not admit this.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Next question.

VISIT OF NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO  
KULU VALLEY

\*1203. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply to a supplementary question raised on starred question No. 240 on the 12th November, 1952 and state:

(a) the object with which the Norwegian Delegation visited Kulu Valley; and

(b) whether the Delegation recommended starting a paper mill in that area?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) The object of the visit was to consider whether Norwegian assistance could be utilised for the development of the Western Himalayan region

(b) No, Sir.

WEAVING SCHOOLS IN MANIPUR

\*1204. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the persistent demand from the general public of the hill people of Manipur for immediate starting of weaving schools in all the sub-divisional headquarters and important centres of the hills of Manipur;

(b) whether Government have started any weaving school in any of the hills of Manipur and if so, where;

(c) whether Government are aware that two girls from Ukhrul who were trained by Government at Assam Government Weaving School, Gauhati, in 1951 with a definite understanding that the girls would be absorbed in a Weaving School to be started at Ukhrul, were made to wait for about a year and that they have been recently asked to find out employment elsewhere; and

(d) whether some hill girls are being trained by Manipur Government in any of the private handloom industries in Manipur?

**The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) No

(b) No

(c) They were trained without any assurance for Government service

(d) No. The Government have felt it necessary to teach the people new techniques of weaving in place of the old traditional ones. This work has commenced under the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes welfare scheme. The Government desire that this work should be considerably enlarged in future.

**Shri Rishang Keishing:** Am I to understand that there is no demand from the hill people of Manipur for any weaving school?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I never said that there was no demand for any weaving school, but as the people are mostly engaged in old-fashioned handlooms, there is no demand for any school to teach the new technique, but the Government themselves started these new training schools, and they think that as time goes on the people will get to know the new technique.

**Shri Rishang Keishing:** May I know if Government have any scheme in hand for meeting the growing demand of the people of Manipur hills?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I have already said that in order to get the people interested in the new technique of weaving, Government have opened these handloom weaving training schools and a certain number of students are attracted by this scheme.

**Sardar A. S. Saigal:** May I know how many girls were absorbed in the weaving centre which was started there?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Girls have unfortunately not been attracted to this school.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** May I know if Government have tried to investigate the possibility of earning dollars by exporting these handloom goods abroad?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Government have considered all aspects, and are still considering.