

Pandit K. C. Sharma: Does the Government propose to fix any deadline?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I have called the next question.

HINDI LIBRARY

*794. **Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state what progress has so far been made with regard to the following items:

- (i) establishment of an up-to-date Hindi Library at the Centre;
- (ii) establishment of an organisation to be called 'Hindi Sriksha Samiti' to promote Hindi learning among the people whose mother tongue is not Hindi; and
- (iii) encouraging production of good and useful Hindi literature?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (i) and (ii). The Library, as well as Samiti, has been functioning since January 1952.

(iii) Prizes have been offered for original works in Hindi and translations into Hindi.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know the number of prizes that have been offered for encouraging production of good Hindi literature?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: About Rs. 29,000/- are set apart for prizes altogether. Of these, there are three prizes of Rs. 3,000/- each for the best translation into Hindi from other languages. Then, there are four prizes of Rs. 2,500/- each; three of Rs. 3,000/- each for original work in Hindi, one prize of Rs. 1,000/- and several other prizes.

ALL INDIA GORKHA EX-SERVICEMEN'S WELFARE ASSOCIATION

*795. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) when the All-India Gorkha Ex-Servicemen's Welfare Association was formed;

(b) whether it is a registered and recognised Association; and

(c) if so, what are its constitution, aims and objects?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) to (c). A

statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 46].

Shri S. C. Samanta: What is the capital of the Welfare Fund? How much of the capital has been invested, and what is the annual income from those investments?

Sardar Majithia: According to the formula laid down, Rs. 54 lakhs were the share of the Nepal Government. And out of that, thanks to the intervention of the External Affairs Ministry, Rs. 10 lakhs were given for this Association.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know, Sir, whether some sum from this fund has been invested in cottage industry for the manufacture of woollen goods?

Sardar Majithia: That is correct. Sir. A woollen industry in Darjeeling has been started in which 200 ex-servicemen Gorkhas are trained.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know what sum was received from the Post-war Reconstruction Fund of Nepal for this Association?

Sardar Majithia: I have already said, Sir, that it is Rs. 10 lakhs.

FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH WORK

*798. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state what sum has been provided for in the Budget of 1952-53 for grants to Universities for conducting fundamental research works?

(b) How has the sum been or will be distributed?

(c) What are the names of the recipients of grants?

(d) What are the fundamental research works done by the recipient Universities in each of the years from 1947-48 to 1951-52?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) A sum of Rs. 2.73 lakhs has been provided in the Budget for 1952-53 for grants to Universities for fundamental research. In addition, some grants are also being given for the same purpose out of the provision made separately for the Atomic Energy Commission and for the Development of Scientific and Technical Education and Research.

(b) to (d). A statement giving the information required is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 47].