

Shri K. D. Malaviya: According to the new schemes offering scholarships to students who are going abroad, generally 50 per cent. of the expenditure is met by the Government and 50 per cent. by the sponsors, whether individuals or associations.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: From the statement I find that one student has been sent abroad for studying Hindi. May I know whether there are no facilities for higher studies of Hindi in this country?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir, it is very much possible.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ASSISTANCE TO NAGPUR UNIVERSITY

*416. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vice-Chancellor of the Nagpur University has made a representation to the Central Government for financial assistance to the "Five Year Plan" of the said university;

(b) if so, whether the Government of India have agreed to give this assistance and if so, to what limit; and

(c) what is the nature of the "Five Year Plan" of this University?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

(c) The schemes can be classified in two categories—

(i) plans pertaining to scientific and technical subjects and

(ii) non-scientific and non-technical subjects. These plans are further of the nature of

(i) addition of some new departments;

(ii) expansion of some of the existing departments;

(iii) improvement of the medical facilities for the students;

(iv) replenishment of the libraries and laboratories of the University.

NATIONAL SAMPLE SURVEY

*419. **Shri Gidwani:** (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the first report of

the National Sample Survey, conducted under the guidance of Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis, regarding food production in India, stating that India produces 10 per cent. of surplus food?

(b) Have Government considered that report?

(c) If so, do they agree with the conclusions of the report and if not, why not?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report is still under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL ISSUES BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

*420. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state whether recently some decisions have been arrived at between the Governments of India and Pakistan on the outstanding financial issues that were under dispute?

(b) If so, what are the chief features of such decisions?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). With your permission, Sir, I should like to make a short statement in reply to this question. The last conference between the Finance Ministers India and Pakistan was held in May 1951 and I made a statement on this conference on the floor of this House on the 30th May 1951. No overall agreement was reached at this conference and it was decided to adjourn the discussions and resume the conference at a later date. Owing to a variety of causes such as the general elections, the heavy programme of legislative work in recent months, it has not been possible to resume this conference. A number of outstanding matters was, however, informally discussed with the Pakistan Officers by two of our officers who went to Karachi last April. I hope to be in a position to resume these discussions as soon as the current Parliamentary session is over.

UNION OF EMPLOYEES OF SURVEY OF INDIA DEPARTMENT

*421. **Shri Tushar Chatterjee:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any recognised union of the employees of the Department of Survey of India;