

realisations of this character ought to be avoided.

ADULT BLIND TRAINING CENTRE

*1225. **Shri Radha Raman:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the number of students getting training at present at the Adult Blind Training Centre, Dehradun?

(b) What are the different industries in which they are being trained?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) 136.

(b) Simple cottage-industry-type handicrafts like weaving of cotton and woollen textiles, spinning, chair-canning, etc.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know, Sir, if the Government of India has got any statistics about the number of adult blindmen in this country?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We have no statistics, but from information that is available, it seems there are about two million blindmen in the country.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know, Sir, from which States the blindmen are admitted into this institution?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There is no reservation for any States.

Shri S. N. Das: In view of the fact that the hon. Minister has stated that there is no reservation for any States, may I know, Sir, from which States the blind adults have come?

مجلسر آف ایجوکیشن اینڈ نیچرل

رسورسز اینڈ سائنٹیفک ریسرچ (مولانا

آزاد): اس وقت یہ نہیں بتلایا جا

سکتا -

[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): Nothing can be said at this stage.]

Shri Muniswamy: May I know, Sir, whether only adults are admitted into

the School or whether young boys are also admitted?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Any blind person between the age of 18 and 40 is eligible for admission.

Shri Veeraswamy: May I know, Sir, whether there is any comprehensive scheme under the consideration of the Government to educate all the blind children in different avocations?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question is "Is there a school for the blind children where they are educated in different avocations?"

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, there are such schools for the blind.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know, Sir, what are the conditions for admission of students in this Institute?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am not aware of any other condition except that the blind should be between 18 and 40 years of age.

Shri Boovaraghasamy: Who bears the expenses of these students—Government or the students themselves?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The expenses are borne by the Government.

مولانا آزاد: اس سہنگر کا تمام

خرچہ گورنمنٹ آف انڈیا دیتی ہے -

[Maulana Azad: The entire expenses of this Centre are borne by the Government of India.]

Shri Boovaraghasamy: I am not able to follow this answer.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is given in the proper language—the official language of the country. The hon. Member cannot cast aspersion at the language which has been accepted as the official language of the country. But I will give the information to his question—so far as this Centre is concerned, the expenditure is borne by the Central Government.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know, Sir, whether blind ladies are also admitted into the school?

مولانا آزاد: اس میں کوئی شرط

مردوں کی نہیں ہے۔

[Maulana Azad: There is no such condition that blind men only can be admitted.]

STUDENTS STUDYING ABRCAD

*1226. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian students sent abroad for study during the financial year 1953-54 on Government scholarship; and

(b) the number of Indian students who have been awarded fellowships by the U. S. Education Foundation in India for the academic year 1953-54?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No Indian student has been sent abroad for study on a Government of India Scholarship during the current financial year.

(b) None. I may also be allowed to state here very briefly the various schemes in view of the fact that there are various enquiries made by hon. Members of the House about scholarship schemes. There are three main scholarship schemes under which people are sent abroad for study—academic and practical.

- (1) Modified Overseas Scholarship Scheme.
- (2) Central State Scholarship Scheme.
- (3) Indo-German Industrial Co-operation Scheme.

Besides, there are Technical Exchange Agreements such as the Fulbright Agreement. The United States Technical Foundation awards each year a number of travel grants to research scholars, professors, etc. These are the four schemes under which people go abroad for studies.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know, Sir, whether the values of the various scholarships are the same?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: They are different. Conditions are not similar.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: What is the difference in value between the various scholarships?

مدرسٹر آف ایجوکیشن ایلڈ

نیچرل رسورسز ایلڈ سائنٹیفک

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کہونکہ اب اس طرح اسٹوڈینٹ بھیجئے

کی کوئی اسکیم نہیں ہے۔

[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): The old scheme of Overseas Scholarship was suspended two years back. A new scheme has been introduced now. Under this new scheme the students generally do not get these scholarships; but those University teachers whom their respective universities want to send abroad, are selected. In such cases half the ex-