

August 15, the selection of about 9,700 students could not be made till the third week of September. Awards were announced and value of scholarships fixed in October. Payment of the 1st half-yearly instalment commenced from November and will be completed by the middle of December 1953. There is thus no delay in the payment of the scholarships.

QUALIFIED ASSISTANTS IN THE
SECRETARIAT

*640. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that those who obtained 40 per cent. marks in the second test of the Assistants' Grade Examination held by the U.P.S.C. have been declared as qualified and treated on par with those who qualified in the first test?

(b) If so, have they been promoted as was done in the case of those who obtained 40 per cent. marks in the first test and 50 per cent. marks in the second test?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) They are treated for all purposes as having qualified in the Second Test, and subject to their position in the order of merit, they are at par with others who had already been declared qualified in that test.

(b) Appointments to the permanent and regular temporary establishments of Assistants are made in the order of merit in each of the Tests upto the number of vacancies allotted to that Test. The marks obtained are not relevant in this connection so long as the candidates are declared qualified. There is no question of appointing all persons who have qualified in either Test.

MILITARY FARMS

*641. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the total number of military farms and the number of milch cattle in each?

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(b) What is the quantity of dairy products from each obtained monthly?

(c) What percentage of requirements of the armed forces do they provide?

(d) What is the total cost of running them?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Military Farms 25.

Branch Military Farms 4.

Out of 25 Military Farms, two and out of 4 Branch Military Farms, one do not hold milch cattle. Milch cattle held on the charge of the rest of the Main and Branch Military Farms during September, 1953 are shown in column 3 of the statement placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 49.]

(b) The quantities of the dairy products from each of the Main and Branch Military Farms holding milch cattle, are shown in columns 4 to 8 of the statement referred to at (a) above. These figures pertain to the month of September, 1953.

(c) 75 per cent. for the month of September, 1953.

(d) During the year 1952-53, a sum of Rs. 2,02,11,000 and during 1953-54 a sum of Rs. 2,01,39,000 was allotted out of the Defence Services Estimates for running expenditure.

RADHAKRISHNAN COMMISSION

*642. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the recommendations of the Radhakrishnan Commission on the question of Students' Unions in the Universities; and

(b) whether Government propose to send their opinion to the various Universities?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) The