

Dr. M. M. Das: So far as the tribal people and the people of Manipur are concerned, there was no available suitable candidate. There was one Mr. Shaizza a member of the Naga tribe who applied late. But in spite of his not applying in proper time, he was given a scholarship to go to UK to study Public Administration. But the UK Universities—London, Manchester and Liverpool refused to take him in and he is now enjoying a stipend from the Central Government and working in the Nilokheri Community Project Area. He is getting Rs. 350 per month.

Shri Rishang Keishing: I am not talking for the tribals, but for the whole of Manipur. In view of the fact that Manipur scholars can never apply in time for the overseas scholarships as they are never informed about the scholarships in time, may I know if Government will inquire into the matter and take necessary action.

Dr. M. M. Das: I do not exactly understand what he means by 'informing' them. Are we to go there personally?

Shri Rishang Keishing: I mean they are never advertised in time.

Dr. M. M. Das: They are advertised in time.

AID TO ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY

*1623. **Shri Elayaperumal:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state how many applications were received from the Annamalai University in 1953-54 for Central aid?

(b) How many were rejected and why?

(c) Were any grants given to the University and if so, on what basis?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) and (b). Out of the eight fresh schemes for which requests for grant-in-aid were received from the Annamalai University during 1953-54,

the University Grants Commission has so far examined only three schemes and has decided not to make any grant-in-aid to the University for the purpose of these schemes.

(c) A total sum of Rs. 7,56,885/- has been granted to the University during the year 1953-54 for the development of higher Scientific Education and Research and also for development of Technical Deptts. under schemes recommended by the All India Council for Technical Education. These grants relate to schemes received and approved prior to 1953-54.

Shri Kakkan: May I know, Sir, the number of applications from Harijan students for scholarship from the Annamalai University?

Dr. M. M. Das: We are talking of applications of the Annamalai University to the Central Government for financial aid.

Mr. Speaker: The question does not relate to applications by students.

OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES SENT ABROAD

*1624. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether any officers were sent abroad during 1953-54 to undergo courses of training in foreign countries to ensure that officers of the Armed Forces remained in touch with the latest theories and technique of warfare; and

(b) if so, how many were sent and to which countries?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): (a) Yes.

(b) 124 of whom 90 went to the UK, 11 to the USA, 16 to France, 4 to Australia, and 3 to Canada.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any specific subjects are selected and the duration fixed for the candidates by our Government,