up by Income-tax Commissioners are departmental committees, or they consist also of some eminent outsiders?

Shri M. C. Shah: So far as the Income-tax staff—that is ministerial staff and inspectors—is concerned, there is the departmental promotion committee whenever there is a question of promotion from the lower rank to the higher rank.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Is it not a fact that the number of officers is out of proportion to the number of Incometax Inspectors who do a lot of work?

Shri M. C. Shah: No; Sir, it is not out of proportion.

FREE EDUCATION TO AFRICAN STUDENTS

\*1291. Shri S. N. Das: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the scheme under which the governments of Parts 'A' and 'B' States were asked to give free education in their States to two African students each, has been developed and is in operation; and
- (b) if so, the number of such students as are receiving free education in different States?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ten, including seven holding freeships offered by Universities.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know the names of the States which have accepted this scheme?

Dr. M. M. Das: U.P., Rajasthan, Madhya Bharat, Bihar, Hyderabad, Delhi, Punjab, Saurashtra, Mysore, West Bengal, and Madhya Pradesh.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether there are any other schemes for the education of persons coming from African countries, and if so, what is the nature of those schemes?

Dr. M. M. Das: Sir, at present there are three schemes for providing educational facilities to African students.

The first one we the General Cultural

Scholarship Scheme which is extended to African countries and other Commonwealth countries. A total of 255 students are studying under this scheme today in India, coming from 34 countries. There is another scheme for Central Africa, East Africa, Fiji, Mauritius and British West Indies. to give training in village handicrafts and cottage industries. The Central Government have provided Rs. 28,000 year in their Budget for the scheme. The third one is the present scheme in which the Central Government have requested the State Governments and Universities to give free education, boarding, lodging and maintenance stipends to African students, two students per State or university.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether separate figures are available for different parts of African countries?

Dr. M. M. Das: No, Sir. I can give the total number of African students that are studying today under the first and third schemes. Under the General Scholarship Scheme 92 indigenous students, that is, not of Indian origin, but of African origin, and ten students have arrived under the present scheme. We are expecting some more very soon.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know the total amount that has been spent so far and the total amount sanctioned?

Dr. M. M. Das: So far as the General Cultural Scholarship Scheme is concerned, I think the total budget provision is Rs. 6,25,000 for the current year. So far as the scheme for imparting education on village handicrafts and cottage industries, Rs. 28,000 has been provided this year in the Budget. With regard to the present scheme the Central Government has to incur no expenditure at all.

VISIT OF DANISH EXPERT

\*1292. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dr. Peter Manniche, a Danish Expert in Folk Schools and

Rural Colleges, visited India in January, 1954; and

(b) if so, how many educational Institutions he visited and what are his recommendations?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Yes.

(b) Dr. Peter Manniche visited 18 Institutions and recommended the establishment of a People's Institute, a People's College and a Training College for teachers in Adult Education.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know whether the Danish Doctor was invited by the Government of India and if so, what is the expenditure incurred by the Government?

Dr. M. M. Das: He was invited by the Government of India and the total expenditure incurred was Rs. 1,900.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know how many States he visited?

Dr. M. M. Das: I have got a detailed list. He visited about 18 institutions in different States.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury: May I know in which States these institutions have been put up and his recommendations put into force.

Dr. M. M. Das: No decision has been taken about his recommendations.

IMPORTED STORES SCREENING COMMITTEE

\*1293. Ch. Raghubir Singh: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state what recommendations have so far been made by the Imported Stores Screening Committee and how far they have been implemented?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Satish Chandra): Since its inception in 1949, the Imported Stores Screening Committee has recommended 17,191 items of defence stores for indigenous manufacture. Firm demands for 4,071 items worth Rs. 95,22,746, placed on indigenous sources, have materialised and those items have consequently been removed from the imported list. Apart from general stores and clothing, these items include Mechanical Transport, Naval, Medical and Signal stores.

SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTIONS

\*1294. Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of social welfare institutions which are expected to receive aid from the Central Social Welfare Board within the Five Year Plan period; and
- (b) how much of the amount set apart for the year 1953-54 has been utilised by the Central Social Welfare Board in that year?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) It is not possible to state the number till the period is over.

(b) The Board has sanctioned grants to the extent of Rs. 20,21,000 during 1953-54. Out of this, an amount of about Rs. 10.5 lakhs has been disbursed to the institutions up-to-date.

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Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether the units of the Social Welfare Board have been organised in all the States? If not, in which States have not been organised?

Dr. M. M. Das: In a large number of States—I have not the figures with me,—but it will be about ten States where State Boards have not yet been organised.

Mr. Speaker: Shrimati Raijee may put her question.

Shrimati Jayashri: I wanted to ask the same question.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether any condition is imposed before giving such grant to the