

assistance to them for their development schemes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

BASIC EDUCATION

*424. **Prof. Agarwal:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the names of States which have not yet introduced Basic education at the primary stage?

(b) What are the names of States which have recognised Basic Schools as equivalent to the middle schools for purposes of admission to the High school classes?

(c) Which States have opened post-Basic schools and with what results?

(d) Are Government aware that a Basic University has now been started in Sevagram?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) According to the information available, the States of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Bilaspur, Bhopal, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur and Vindhya Pradesh have not introduced Basic Education (Primary and Middle).

(b) A few States like Bombay and Bihar have done so but the Central Advisory Board of Education has recommended that all States should take steps to do so.

(c) So far as information is available, only the Bihar State has done so but some other States are also now examining the question. The Bihar experiment in this direction has made a good beginning.

(d) The Hindustani Talimi Sangh have started a department for boys and girls who have completed seven years of basic education. This is the post-basic department which according to the Sangh, corresponds to the University stage. But this position has not been examined by the Government of India.

NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY, DEHRA DUN

*425. **Prof. Agarwal:** (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state how many candidates applied for admission to the National Defence Academy, Dehra Dun during 1951-52?

(b) How many of them were rejected as a result of the medical test?

(c) What was the number (State-wise) that were finally admitted?

(d) What is the average monthly expenditure on the education of each cadet in the Academy?

(e) What portion of this expenditure is borne by Government?

(f) Are the cadets imparted any education in agriculture?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (a) to (c). I place two statements on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 5.]

(d) The approximate monthly expenditure per cadet is Rs. 600 in the Joint Services Wing and Rs. 550 in the Military Wing.

(e) The entire cost of training is borne by the Government.

(f) No.

AID TO NEPAL

*426. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether any technical aid has been given to Nepal; and

(b) if so, what?

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

(b) Two persons were given training at the International Statistical Education Centre, Calcutta in July—December, 1951.

SCHEDULED TRIBES STIPENDS

*427. **Shri Brehmo-Choudhary:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the number of stipends, at present, granted to Scheduled Tribe students of India for studies in—

(i) the colleges and Technical institutions; and

(ii) the Secondary Schools,

and the amount of each stipend?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): The hon. Member's attention is drawn to the statement laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 6.]

FORD FOUNDATION ASSISTANCE

66. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of money which has been granted by the Ford Foundation for organising village development projects and setting up centres for training staff;

(b) whether the Foundation grant will cover the entire recurring non-capital cost of these centres; and

(c) wherefrom the capital cost of these centres will be met?