

That has no relation to any intention to undertake financial obligations in respect of Britain's re-armament programme. The assistance is in respect of the solution of the common problems of the Sterling area, viz., the declining trend in the common gold and dollar reserves.

GRANTS TO DISTINGUISHED PERSONS

***718. Shrimati Jayashri:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a provision of rupees one lakh for grants to persons distinguished in Art, Literature, Culture, etc., and who are in indigent circumstances has been included in this year's Budget;

(b) whether any such grant was given to any individual in the past and if so, what was the amount so given; and

(c) whether there is any committee to decide who deserve to receive this grant?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes;

(b) Yes; a sum of Rs. 2,500 was paid in 1950-51 through the Government of West Bengal for the medical treatment of Kazi Nazrul Islam.

(c) It is proposed to set up for this purpose a committee consisting of prominent non-officials and representatives of the Ministries of Finance, Defence and Education.

Shrimati Jayashri: What is the maximum grant that can be given to an individual?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There is no maximum grant fixed by us.

Dr. M. M. Das: May I know, Sir, whether the amount that was paid for the treatment of Kazi Nazrul Islam, was paid by the Central Government or the West Bengal Government?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Central Government.

Shri N. S. Nair: May I know, Sir, whether Members of Parliament will be eligible for these grants?

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, whether Government was inviting applications, and if so, whether applications have come from other distinguished persons of literature and art?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, under the rules, generally applications are invited.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, whether other applications have come, and if so, from whom they have come?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I will require notice for this. I do not know whether in this specific case other applications came or not.

HISTORY OF THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT

***719. Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 1167 asked on the 20th September, 1951 and state:

(a) how far the work of preparing the "History of the Freedom Movement in India" has since progressed and what is the amount spent on it so far; and

(b) when it is expected to be completed?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). A scheme has been prepared and steps are being taken for its implementation.

Shri Madiah Gowda: May I know, Sir, whether there is any committee appointed for the purpose of preparing and editing this book of history?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes. A high-powered commission has been appointed, and various committees under this have been and are being contemplated.

Shri V. G. Deshpande: Will the hon. Member please tell the names of the members of this Committee?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The members of the high-powered commission that is going to guide the preparation of the History are Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Azad.

Shri V. G. Deshpande: May I know, Sir, whether the history will contain only the activities of the Congress party, or other parties also will be included in it?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Sir, a history is going to be written. There is no question of any party.

Shri Nambiar: May I know, Sir, whether representatives of the working classes also will be represented in the committee?