

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?

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know, Sir, why Government has not taken any Member from the Opposition Parties?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Various sub-committees are being contemplated, and the proposal, when it is completed, will be placed before the House.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, whether Government are contemplating to enlist the co-operation of persons who are known as historians?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The Committee that my colleague mentions is really to consider what steps should be taken. They are not going to undertake this great work in any sense. It is merely to confer together and consider who is to do this work and how it is to be done.

Mr. Speaker: There is no scope for any further question now.

FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS

***720. Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign scholarships and fellowships secured from foreign Governments and Institutions and International organisations for Indian Nationals for the years 1951-52 and 1952-53; and

(b) the number of candidates selected for those scholarships and fellowships in these years?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) For 1951-52—313 Scholarships/Fellowships.

For 1952-53—409 Scholarships/Fellowships.

(b) The number of candidates selected for Scholarships/Fellowships:

(i) For 1951-52—303.

(ii) For 1952-53—29.

The remaining selections have not yet been finalised.

Shri Madiah Gowda: May I know who makes the selection of the candidates?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The Board under the Ministry.

Shri Namdhari: May I know, Sir, if any candidates have been selected from the Scheduled Castes?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I cannot give the information just now, Sir.

सेठ अचल सिंह: क्या मंत्री महोदय बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उत्तर प्रदेश के लिये भी कोई स्कालरशिप दिया गया है ?

[**Seth Achal Singh:** Will the hon. Minister please state whether any scholarships have been granted to candidates from Uttar Pradesh.]

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[**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I have no information in this behalf.]

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know, Sir, how many women have obtained scholarships during 1951/52 and 1952/53?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I will require notice, Sir.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Is there any provision to grant scholarships to Europeans or other foreigners who want to study here oriental languages?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: No. It does not come under this.

GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES

***721. Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the Universities in 'B' States received grants from Central Government for research work or any other purposes during the last four years;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, which University, how much and for what purposes; and

(c) what, if any, was the amount granted to Universities in 'A' States for each of the last four years?

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

(b) and (c). A statement giving necessary information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 13.]