

requests for them and are directed by them in their work.

(c) The Government of India provides only transport facilities and secretarial assistance for these experts and these costs would naturally vary from expert to expert. A rough estimate would be about Rs. 10,000 per year per expert.

JANTA COLLEGE, ALIPORE

***714. Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U. S. Ambassador in India recently visited the Janta College at Alipore, accompanied by any Official of the Government of India;

(b) if so, when, for what purpose, and accompanied by whom;

(c) whether this visit was sponsored by the Government of India;

(d) whether the Government of India proposes to arrange for the visit to educational institutions also of other foreign diplomats in India; and

(e) how far the aims and objects of the Janta College and its working were furthered by these visits?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). The United States Ambassador who expressed interest in the working of the Janta College visited the institution on 19th May, 1952 and was accompanied by Education Secretary. The visit was not official.

(d) Whenever a foreign diplomat or any distinguished foreign visitor has expressed the wish to visit the institution, arrangements for the same have been made through the Delhi State Government. Recently the Cultural Mission, which had come from China, expressed a desire to see some educational institutions in this country. The Government made all necessary arrangements for this purpose. Our envoys abroad also take considerable interest in the educational and cultural institutions of the countries where they are sent.

(e) Such visits serve to encourage teachers and students of the institution by providing evidence of public interest in their work.

BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY

***727. Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the present financial position of

the Banaras Hindu University and the amount of Government aid granted to the University annually during the last five years?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): The accounts of the University for the year 1951-52 have not yet been audited. The budget estimates for 1952-53 show a deficit of Rs. 48,811 under the General Revenue Account and Rs. 3,37,358 in the General Fund Capital Account.

A statement showing the grants paid to the University by the Government of India during the last five years is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 15].

EXPORT AND IMPORT TRADE

***730. Shri K. K. Basu:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total volume of export and import trade with U.S.A. and U.K., U.S.S.R. and China during the last five years i.e. 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951;

(b) the names of the commodities in such transactions; and

(c) the total amount involved in such transactions?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) to (c). Four statements giving details of export and import trade of India with U.S.A., U.K., U.S.S.R. and China for the years 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52 are placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 16]

DEVALUATION OF RUPEE

***731. Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the extra amounts of money that we had to spend during 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52 due to the devaluation of rupee for:

(i) Food Imports;

(ii) Imports of capital goods for River Valley projects and Fertiliser projects;

(iii) Import of Railway locomotives, carriages, wagons and other railway stores;

(iv) Import of motor cars and trucks; and

(v) Our foreign embassies?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): The extra amount of rupees spent on the various items mentioned by the hon. Member due to the devaluation of the rupee cannot be calculated because the variation in the rupee value of imports was caused not only by the change in the exchange rate of rupee but also by various other causes like fluctuations in foreign prices, variations in our import requirements, availability of supplies in foreign countries and the foreign exchange resources limiting the value of permissible imports.

FOREIGN FIRMS

***732. Shri A. K. Gopalan:** (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the number of foreign firms which were previously incorporated outside India (country-wise) and have since Partition got them incorporated in India with rupee capital?

(b) What is the total authorised and paid up capital for such firms?

(c) How many of such firms have joined partnership with Indian businessmen?

(d) How is the total authorised capital of such firms divided into various industries?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) to (d). A statement giving the information required is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 17]

GOVERNMENT HARNESS AND SADDLERY FACTORY

***733. Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals are being considered or have been finalised for the closure of the Government Harness and Saddlery Factory, Parachute Factory and Small Arms Factory at Kanpur;

(b) whether the Government of India have considered the question of converting these factories for production of civilian goods if not, why not; and

(c) whether the reports of the re-organising committee on this subject will be laid on the Table?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (a) No, but in the process of the general economic review of items of defence expenditure, Government is examining, *inter alia*, the 89 P.S.D.

justification for maintaining in their existing form the several defence installations including ordnance and clothing factories. This examination is a routine matter and is made periodically in a general way, but not with reference to any particular installations.

(b) The question has not been considered as the factories are producing equipment required by the Defence Services. To the extent that they have capacity surplus to immediate defence requirements, they are already being used for production of goods required by civilian indentors.

(c) Presumably the hon. Member is referring to the report of a departmental committee. If so, it is not intended to place the report on the Table of the House.

IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

***734. Bishop Richardson:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state what steps are being taken to improve the standard of education in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): In 1951, an officer was deputed to Andamans to prepare a plan for the development of educational facilities and the report of the officer is now under consideration. A provision of Rs. 35,000 has been made in the current year's budget for making a beginning.

ORDNANCE FACTORIES EMPLOYEES

143. Shri S. N. Das: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee of Enquiry set up to examine the present day scales of pay of civilian personnel employed in Ordnance Factories and to suggest ways and means for the implementation of the Central Pay Commission's recommendation, has submitted its report;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the report and taken any decision in the matter; and

(c) if not, how long it will take to come to any decision in the matter?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise