

## RADAR EQUIPMENT

\*1161. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Radar Equipment is under repair in the Ordnance Depots;

(b) whether it is a fact that British Officers removed some vital parts of these equipments just before they left; and

(c) whether it is a fact that those parts are yet to be replaced?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami):** (a) Ordnance Depots do not carry out repairs, but radar equipment, like other equipment, may be under repairs in the workshops at any given time.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

**Shri A. K. Gopalan:** May I know, Sir, what is the total value of the radar equipment bought and under what agreement?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member must be specific about the country and the period.

**Shri A. K. Gopalan:** From Britain for the past three years.

**Mr. Speaker:** Can he give the information?

**Shri Gopalaswami:** I am afraid I have not got the information. I can give him the estimated value of repairable radar equipment now held. If he would like to have that figure, it is 1.1 crores.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCHEDULED CASTES

\*1162. **Shri Veeraswamy:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state what are the various courses for which Government of India Scholarships are being awarded to Scheduled Castes students?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** The hon. Member's attention is drawn to a statement laid on the Table of the House.

## STATEMENT

- (i) Medicine and allied subjects including Nursing.
- (ii) Engineering and Architecture.
- (iii) Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Science.

(iv) Technology.

(v) Science.

(vi) Education and Social Service.

(vii) Humanities, Social Science and Fine Arts.

(viii) Commerce.

(ix) Law and Library Science.

**Shri Veeraswamy:** May I know, Sir, whether the amount sanctioned by the Government for scholarships to Scheduled Caste students announced a few weeks ago is sufficient for the students when compared with the population of the Scheduled Castes and with the magnitude of the problem of illiteracy among the Scheduled Castes?

**Mr. Speaker:** He wants an opinion whether the amount of scholarships is commensurate with the population. That is a matter for opinion.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know, Sir, whether the amount of scholarship money given to individual students is decreased year after year?

**Mr. Speaker:** That question was put and I think it was answered.....

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** That was not answered.

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The total amount has been increased, but in certain cases for certain obvious reasons, for instance of fees, a reduction has been made and there are specific reasons for it.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know what are those obvious reasons?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I haven't got them just now.

## DAMAGE TO SCULPTURES

\*1163. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the impact of sea-water is causing serious and continuous damage to the sculpture at Mahabalipuram, that there have been instances of avoidable damage by natural elements at Ellora and Konarak, and that many of the Ajanta Frescoes immediately require very special expert treatment if they are to be saved from destruction?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** The impact of sea-water threatens only the temple known as the Shore Temple at Mahabalipuram but not any pieces of sculpture. Steps have, however, been taken to check this threat, as far as possible.