

Shri Nanda: I have the details. Is the question about the trainees that were sent abroad or the experts who have come here?

Mr. Speaker: It is about the experts who have been sent abroad.

Shri Nanda: That is the trainees. Under the Colombo plan, Mr. Vadera—Tasmania, Australia. Mr. Krishna...

Mr. Speaker: I do not think that the names need be given.

Shri Nanda: I shall give the name of the country. 4 United States, 5 Canada and 2 Australia.

Shri Hukam Singh: Was any special Board constituted to make this selection or was it only the heads of the department that made that selection for sending them abroad?

Shri Nanda: The requests are received from the Ministries concerned or the bodies concerned which require either the experts or propose to send out the trainees and there are arrangements in the Central Government for scrutinizing all those requests and then making the final settlement.

Shri Hukam Singh: Would the group of engineers sent to one country specialize in different subjects or would they be given identical training in that country?

Shri Nanda: We have made requests which are much larger in number than the number that I have shown of experts who have come out or trainees who have gone out. Some of the requests have materialized and others have not. I can give the list of subjects for which we have sent trainees abroad or received trainees. Is it intended that I give the list of subjects for which the persons are sent abroad?

Mr. Speaker: His point is a little bit different. He wants to know whether the group sent to one particular country was for the purpose of being trained in the same subject or different subjects.

Shri Nanda: There are different subjects.

Shri Nambiar: May I know from which of the countries the experts came to India with regard to this?

Shri Nanda: In answering the other question about the 11 engineers, I made sure whether it was trainees or experts and since the question was

about trainees, the number is 11 and not 7. I shall give information regarding the experts.

Mr. Speaker: He refers to the 2 who have returned.

Shri Nambiar: Experts have been sent to India for this project. I want to know which of the countries have sent the experts to India.

Shri Nanda: As regards the experts who have arrived in India, I have got the sources from which they are recruited i.e., under the Colombo Plan or under the Point Four Programme. I have not the information about the country from where they have come.

Shri Nambiar: Arising out of the second part of the question, will the hon. Minister please state whether any experts from other countries have arrived in India to assist in the execution of the various projects here?

Mr. Speaker: He has already stated for what purposes they are recruited but he does not know from what countries they are sent. He wants notice for that question.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know what are the arrangements for selecting trainees to be sent abroad?

Shri Nanda: The arrangements are made under appropriate agreements with the bodies concerned, that is, there are arrangements with the UNESCO, under Point Four and under the Commonwealth Technical Co-operation and those arrangements are embodied in the agreements. If details are required, I can either give them here or supply them.

Mr. Speaker: We will now go to the next question.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: How are they selected?

Mr. Speaker: He said that it is a matter of agreement. It may be referred to. Next question.

EDUCATION FOR THE BLIND

*268. **Shri Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of trade and avocations which are taught to the adult blind at Dehra Dun; and

(b) the number of students who completed their courses during 1951-52?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) The Training Centre for the Adult Blind, Dehra Dun gives training in simple cottage industries suitable for the blind. A list giving the main industries is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 8.]

(b) 20 trainees completed their courses in 1951-52.

Shri Hukam Singh: Is it one code through which instruction is imparted to all blinds coming from different parts of the country?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I cannot say off-hand.

جناب امجد علی : کیا میں یہ
پوچھ سکتا ہوں کہ یہ تعلیم ان کے
گزارے کے لئے کس حد تک مدد کرتی
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[Jonab Amjad Ali: May I ask to what extent this education helps them to make both ends meet?]

श्री जगजीवन राम : जिन विषयों
में तालीम दी जाती है वह सीख लेने के
बाद वे अपनी जीविका के लिये कुछ पैदा
कर सकते हैं।

[Shri Jagjivan Ram: They can earn something for a living after receiving education in the subjects in which it is imparted.]

Shri Hukam Singh: A provision of Rs. 6,000 has been made for post-school education for these blinds in this Budget. What kind of training will that be?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I will require notice.

Shri Gurupadaswamy: How many students who have passed the examination have been employed so far?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: A few ex-service men have been given jobs in the Ordnance Factory at Dehra Dun. Some have also established themselves independently as music teachers, weavers and chair caners.

Shri Hukam Singh: Another provision of Rs. 5,000 is being made for the Central Council on blindness. What functions would it perform?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I have not got all this information here.

WAR PENSION CLAIMS

*269. **Shri Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether any War Pensions Claims are still pending for assessment;

(b) the number of claims for pensions received during the year ended 31st March, 1952; and

(c) the number of claims disposed of during this period?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalswami): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 9,485.

(c) 11,306.

Shri Hukam Singh: Are there any appeals pending just at present?

Shri Gopalswami: I am afraid I have not got that information. I shall give that information if necessary.

Shri Hukam Singh: May I know whether there are any Assessment Tribunals to hear such appeals?

Shri Gopalswami: I think there are tribunals to hear appeals, but I am not in a position to go into the details today.

Shri Velayudhan: How long will it take to complete all these claims that have come before the Government?

Shri Gopalswami: At present, out of the War Pension claims, there are about 2,600 pending. The number originally received was about 5 lakhs. We have thus reduced it to very manageable proportions. I think in the course of a few months, perhaps in a year, these will be disposed of.

HINDUSTAN AIRCRAFT FACTORY

*270. **Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether jet-propelled vampires are built at the Hindustan Aircraft Factory at Bangalore;

(b) whether all parts for the same are built in the Factory; and

(c) who are the foreign Engineers or experts working in the Factory and what are their qualifications?