

(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
گذارے 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?