

(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?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). It is not in the public interest to disclose details of this nature in the case of this factory.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether there was any complaint that the foreign engineers who are working in that factory are not allowing the Indian Engineers under them to construct all the parts for the Vampires there so that they may be assembled here?

Shri Gopalaswami: I am aware of no such complaint.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether there is any possibility of an Indian aeroplane being built cent. per cent. in that factory, in the near future?

Shri Gopalaswami: We hope to be able to produce one such as soon as possible.

Shri Nambiar: How many years will it take?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order; as soon as possible.

Shri Hukam Singh: Is it a fact that the only proto-type HT 2 built in this factory crashed in its test flight?

Shri Gopalaswami: I remember to have read something like that in the newspapers; I have not got any official information just now at my disposal.

Shri Veeraswamy: May I know the scale of pay for the foreign engineers in this factory?

Shri Gopalaswami: I have already said that it is not in the public interest to give that information.

सेठ अचल सिंह : क्या मन्त्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले वर्ष में कितने जेट प्रोपेलर्स तैयार हुए हैं ।

[Seth Achal Singh: Would the hon. Minister kindly state the number of jet-propelled planes produced during the last year?]

Shri Gopalaswami: I am sorry, Sir, I cannot give that information.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether Government have enquired if all parts of the vampires can be made in the Hindustan Aircraft Factory?

Shri Gopalaswami: Of course, not at present.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO NEPALI STUDENTS

*272. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scholarships have been awarded to Nepali students for prosecuting higher studies in India;

(b) if so, how many;

(c) what are the courses of their studies; and

(d) what is the amount of each scholarship?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes.

(b) 8, since 1949.

(c) M.B.B.S.—three.

Electrical Engineering—two.

M.Sc. (Statistics)—one.

M.Sc. (Chemistry)—one.

M.A.—one.

(d) Rs. 200 per month. In addition tuition, examination and capitation fees, if any, are also paid by the Government direct to the Institution of study.

AIRCRAFT CARRIER

*273. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) when India would be able to acquire her first aircraft carrier; and

(b) whether India possesses the technical personnel necessary for manning her?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (a) No firm date can yet be given.

(b) Not yet.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know how the Government propose to get the aircraft technical personnel trained?

Shri Gopalaswami: We have made a start on the establishment of a Fleet Requirement unit at Cochin to train skilled personnel and will equip them for the purpose so as to be available for utilisation in as short a time as possible.