

श्री भक्त दर्शन : अभी बतलाया गया कि गवर्नमेंट इस दिशा में कुछ पग बढ़ाना चाहती हैं, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि वह पग कितनी तेजी से बढ़ावेंगे और किस दिशा में बढ़ावें जायेंगे ?

Dr. M. M. Das: We have asked the State Governments whether they want to take further steps to improve Sanskrit education in their States.

MANUFACTURE OF TRUCKS

*2585. **Shri Vishwanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a factory for the manufacture of heavy trucks needed by the Defence Services is proposed to be set up by Government; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to implement this proposal?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Vishwanatha Reddy: May I know the total number of units required by the defence services annually for their normal replacements?

Shri Satish Chandra: The number depends upon annual assessment of the requirements. It is not a fixed number. Taking into account the number of trucks in stock and their condition, the future requirements are calculated year by year.

Shri Vishwanatha Reddy: May I know whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that sometime ago the hon. Minister of Commerce and Industry replying to the debate on motor vehicles assured the House that some time later a factory would be set up for the manufacture of trucks to meet the demands of the defence services? If so, has any action been taken by the Ministry?

Shri Satish Chandra: Certain factories already exist in the country. All the three-ton trucks are being obtained from the Hindustan Motors and Premier Automobiles. As far as heavy trucks are concerned, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry have certain proposals to establish their manufacture in India. Automobile industry is not under the Ministry of Defence. If the hon. Member wants more information, he may put a separate question to the Minister of Commerce and Industry.

Shri Matthen: May I know if all the vehicles now available for the defence services are vehicles of American origin, in other words American components assembled here by Hindustan Motors and Premier Automobiles? If so, in view of the military aid to Pakistan, would it be advisable to confine these vehicles only to....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Let him not put any arguments. He may ask for information, say, whether there are factories for assembling parts manufactured in America.

Shri Satish Chandra: There is a programme for the manufacture of trucks in Indian factories, and some are being progressively manufactured in India.

Shri Matthen: He has not answered my question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. He has answered the question.

Shri Matthen: No.

MILITARY SCHOOLS

*2587. **Shrimati Ganga Devi:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the number of scheduled caste students at present studying in the Military schools?

The Minister of Defence (Dr. Katju): There is no Scheduled Caste student at present in the academic institutions under the control of the Defence Ministry. It has recently been decided to grant some scholarships.

and concessions in fees to attract deserting Scheduled Caste students.

श्रीमती गंगा बर्मा : क्या डिफेंस मिनिस्टर यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या अभी तक शोइयल्ड कास्ट का कोई भी बच्चा इतना एप्लीकाएंट नहीं मिला है जो मिलिटरी स्कूल में दाखिल किया जा सके ?

डा० काटजू : मैं पिछले जमाने के बारे में कोई इतमीनान के साथ जर्ज नहीं कर सकता, लेकिन आजकल कोई नहीं है, क्योंकि दाखिल जितना होता है वह सब मेरिट के ऊपर होता है और उसमें कोई लिहाज किसी कास्ट और क्रीड का नहीं किया जाता है ।

Shri Balakrishnan: May I know the number of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes?

Dr. Katju: There are no seats reserved for Scheduled Castes; seats are reserved for different States.

श्रीमती गंगा बर्मा : इंडिया में ऐसे मिलिटरी स्कूल कितने हैं और क्या इन स्कूलों में शोइयल्ड कास्ट के बच्चों के लिये प्री एड्मिशन का प्राविजन होगा ?

डा० काटजू : डिफेंस मिनिस्ट्री के मातहत तो सिर्फ पांच मदर्स हैं । बाकी छोट-छोट मदर्स मुल्तलिफ यूनिट्स में कायम किये जाते हैं ।

CURRENCY

*2588. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state whether Government propose to withdraw from circulation the Indian currency notes of King George's time?

The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha): Government of India Currency notes and bank notes of King George's time are already being withdrawn gradually from circulation.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know whether the Government are aware that the railway booking clerks are

suffering a great deal due to the circulation of Burma and Pakistan notes of King George's time and whether Government want to take any steps to prevent it?

Shri A. C. Guha: I think certain reports came sometime back about the use of these Burma and Pakistan notes—the Indian notes on which Burma and Pakistan were superscribed. Government have taken certain steps to stop the use of these things.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: In view of the large circulation of these type of notes in the market, what facilities do the Government propose to offer to the persons who want to exchange these notes?

Shri A. C. Guha: That is why these notes had not been demonetised we want to give some facilities to these people so that they get these exchanged. That facility is being utilised by the people and a large number of notes had been withdrawn.

The notes in circulation total Rs. 149 crores.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know whether Government have fixed any time-limit for the withdrawal of such notes?

Shri A. C. Guha: No, Sir. There is nothing like that. The gradual withdrawal of such notes came into operation from the second half of 1952 but there is as yet no time-limit fixed for it.

ART TREASURES AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

*2590. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been reached with the U. K. Government in regard to India's claims for restoration of her art treasures and historical documents now in England; and

(b) if so, what are its terms?