

(घ) क्या विद्यार्थियों को यह राशि वापस करनी पड़ती है और यदि हां, तो उसकी शर्तें क्या हैं ?

शिक्षा मंत्री के सहायक (डा० एम० एम० दास) : (क) ५३

(ख) ५१,६५३ रु०

(ग) और (घ). हां, जी, इसका विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [बैकिये परिशिष्ट १०, अनुबन्ध संख्या ६०]

श्री के० सी० सोषिया : इस योजना को चालू हुये कितने साल हुये हैं ?

Dr. M. M. Das : This scheme was instituted in the year 1947.

श्री के० सी० सोषिया : इसमें जो ऋण दिया गया था उसकी चुकोती के भी कुछ आंकड़े हैं ? ऋण का चुकाना शुरू हुआ है या नहीं ?

Dr. M. M. Das : In the year 1952-53 the total recoveries were Rs. 7,34 . In the year 1953-54, it was Rs. 3,293. In 1954-55, it was Rs. 26,129.

श्री अजित सिंह : हर एक स्टेट से कितने कितने आदमी भेजे गये और उनमें सेड्यूल्ड कास्ट के कितने थे ?

Dr. M. M. Das : I do not know how this supplementary question can arise. The main question relates to the loans given to students who were in difficult financial conditions in foreign countries.

Armed Forces Personnel

*2105. Shri P. L. Kureel : Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the steps taken for the amelioration of the financial conditions of the officers and men of the Armed Forces ?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha, indicating the more important concessions sanctioned to officers and men of the Armed Forces. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 61.]

Shri P. L. Kureel : Is it a fact that the officers and men in the Armed Forces are not very happy about their present scale of pay & allowances and is it a fact that these allowances and pay have considerably gone down since the British regime ended ?

— Sardar Majithia : Firstly, about happiness, no one is ever happy with what he gets. About the allowances going down, I should say that, as a matter of fact, the pay and allowances have considerably increased.

Shri P./L. Kureel : Is it a fact that Admiral Pizey, before his retirement, submitted a note on the desirability of revising the present scale of pay and allowances, and if so, what action has been taken on that note ?

Sardar Majithia : As I said the Government, after very careful consideration, have decided on the present pay and allowances, and there is no question of further increase at the moment.

Sardar Hukam Singh : May I know if there was a proposal sometime ago to appoint a committee to go into these pay and allowances of Armed Forces and if so, may I know why it did not materialise ?

Sardar Majithia : I am not aware of any such proposal.

Shri Dhusiya : May I know if there are any differences between pay and allowances of some solidiers and officers and what are the grounds that lead to these differences ?

Sardar Majithia : That is a very long statement.

Machine Tool Prototype Factory, Ambarnath

*2106. Col. Zaidi : Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the machinery and machine tools purchased for the Machine Tool Prototype Factory, Ambarnath have been purchased through open tenders ; and

(b) the value of machinery purchased from Messrs. Oerlikons and other sources respectively ?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) From M/s. Oerlikons, own stock or manufacture Rs. 60 lakhs

Supplied by M/s Oerlikons after purchasing from other sources. Rs. 131 lakhs

Purchased by the Govt. of India from other sources Rs. 2.78 lakhs.

Col. Zaidi : In view of the colossal amount that has been spent on this, may I know why no global tenders were invited ?