

## Colombo Plan

\*123. **Shri S. N. Das** : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Australia has decided to offer a number of scholar ships to be awarded to such Asian students as would like to study through the 'Mail Box' under the Colombo Plan ;

(b) if so, whether any India students have applied for such scholar-ships ;

(c) the details of the scheme ; and

(d) whether education under this scheme has commenced ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat)**:

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some enquiries have been received.

(c) Details of the Scheme have not been finalised yet.

(d) No.

**Shri S. N. Das**: May I know the subjects for which scholarships have been offered or are going to be offered ?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat**: Originally the offer made by the Australian Government was for courses of a technical and academic nature including engineering, motor mechanics, building construction, agriculture and accountancy, but we want to restrict it to those fields of study where laboratory training is not very important. As such, we have proposed shorthand, typewriting, book-keeping, accounting, auditing, commercial law, advanced accounting etc.

**Shri S. N. Das**: What is the nature of the enquiry that has been made by that Government ?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat**: Enquiries have been made by students who want to apply, not by the Government.

## चीन को भेजा गया सांस्कृतिक मण्डल

\*१२४. **श्री नवल प्रभाकर** : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चीन को भेजे गये भारतीय सांस्कृतिक मण्डल में कितने व्यक्ति सम्मिलित हैं ;

(ख) उसमें जो कलाकार सम्मिलित किये गये हैं, उनकी विशेष योग्यतायें क्या हैं ; और

(ग) उनका चुनाव किस आधार पर किया गया है ?

**शिक्षा मंत्री के सभासचिव (डा० एम० एम० दास)** : (क) सांस्कृतिक मण्डल के जो चीन में जा चुका है, ५६ सदस्य हैं ।

(ख) तथा (ग) कलाकार सदस्य भारत सरकार ने संगीत नाटक अकादमी की शिफारिश पर चुने थे । चुनाव में उन कार्यक्रमों का ध्यान रखा गया था जिनकी चीन की जनता के लिये उपयुक्त होने की सम्भावना थी ।

**श्री नवल प्रभाकर** : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इन कलाकारों को पारिश्रमिक भी दिया जाता है, और यदि दिया जाता है तो प्रत्येक को कितना दिया गया है ?

**Dr. M. M. Das**: No daily allowance as such is given to these artists but kit allowance, upkeep allowance and some pocketmoney is given.

**श्री नवल प्रभाकर** : कितना दिया गया है ?

**Dr. M. M. Das**: If the hon. Member wants to know details of the actual amounts that have been paid, I would require notice.

**Shri Ramachandra Reddi**: May I know the expenditure, if any, incurred by the Government in this behalf ?

**Dr. M. M. Das**: It will come to about Rs. 3,00,000.

**Shri Kamath**: Are these cultural delegations required to submit reports of their tour to the Ministry, and if so, will such reports be laid on the Table of the House ?

**Dr. M. M. Das**: As a rule, they submit a report to the Government.

**Shri Kamath**: But will it be laid on the Table of the House ?

**Dr. M. M. Das**: Up till now, so far as my information goes—I cannot commit myself on this point—no such report is laid on the Table of the House.