

Shri Meghnad Saha: May I know whether the Ministry of N.R. & S.R. has been able to form a team of Indian experts provided with all kinds of modern apparatus, e.g. magnetographs and seismographs to do oil prospecting work and whether they depend upon purely foreign prospecting? Is it not a fact that the foreign prospecting parties do not allow the Indian experts to go near the apparatus or to have access to the results they have obtained?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We are in the process of forming a purely Indian team for undertaking all the work involved in the oil prospecting. So far as the allegation of my friend is concerned, it is not wholly correct.

Shri Meghnad Saha: May I know how far it is correct?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I do not know that, but complaints have been received by us that in some cases certain types of information are not made available to us.

Shri T. N. Singh: Of the prospecting that is being done, geophysical and magnometric, how many are under foreign control or foreign direction and guidance, and how many are purely under the Indian Geological Survey Department?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I have said that in Jaisalmer area and also in Jwalamukhi and Kangra Valley, the Geological Survey of India are undertaking all the survey work by themselves. So far as the prospecting in Assam is concerned, an agreement has been arrived at between the Government of India and the foreign oil companies, and the foreign experts are helping us.

Shri Meghnad Saha: In view of the fact that foreign experts do not make their results available to Indians, and do not allow the Indians to have access to their results, is it not desirable to turn out the foreign experts altogether and depend upon our own native talent which I am quite sure will be able to cope up with this work?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I have not accepted the insinuation of the hon. Member.

Educational Qualifications

*133. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to examine the question as to how far and at what levels the possession of a University Degree is necessary for recruitment to Public Services, has submitted any interim report and

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations given in the interim report?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : क्या सरकार निर्धारित पदों के लिये निर्धारित योग्यता रखने वालों के लिये कोई आगे नियम बनायेगी ?

शिक्षा उपमंत्री (डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली) : मुझे मालूम नहीं कि सदस्य महोदय का मतलब क्या है। परन्तु अगर वह कमेटी की जो टर्म्स आफ रेफरेंस हैं उनको जानना चाहते हैं तो वह मैं उन को बताने को तैयार हूँ।

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether any time-limit has been fixed?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: Yes, Sir. The Committee is expected to submit its report by the 31st August, 1955.

Shri Kamath: Has the Prime Minister been correctly reported recently as saying that university degrees should not be essential for recruitment to Public Services?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The whole question is being examined by this Committee.

Research Scholarships in Humanities

*134. **Shri Subodh Hasda:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Special Committee has been set up to consider the question of awarding Research Scholarships in Humanities; and

(b) if so, the nature of its main recommendations?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Subodh Hasda: May I know the number of students that applied and the number selected?

Dr. M. M. Das: In the first batch in the year 1953, there were 500 applicants and out of these 500, 31 students were selected for this scholarship. In the second batch, in 1954, 51 were selected out of a total number of 192 applicants.