

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know if there was any academic discussion in this festival so as to find out the reasons for the gradual going down of the standard either in education or in sports or in discipline?

Shri Kamath : Or in administration?

Dr. M. M. Das : I do not know. I beg to have notice of the question.

Shri Bimalasprosd Chaliha : What are the reasons given by the three universities for non-participation?

Dr. M. M. Das : The Madras University informed us that the syndicate of the university did not permit participation of their students on account of the academic session being on. The Venkateshwara University said that they were too young to send up a team. The Allahabad University withdrew its participation on account of the internal trouble in that university.

Oil Wells in Naharkatiya

*559. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy :** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether drilling of oil wells in Naharkatiya area would be completed this year (1955-56); and

(b) if answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether oil production would start in the current year (1955-56)?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya) : (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 76.]

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy : May I know whether, in view of a good number of oil wells in that area, any refinery will be established there?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : No. The question of refineries does not arise, as the amount of oil in relation to refineries has not yet been established.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy : May I know whether Government have any idea about the annual production of oil from that area?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : I gave the information the other day that about 1,600 barrels a day was the production from these wells. It is too insufficient even to consider whether a refinery could be established there; but we are waiting for future development for our programme of oil in that area.

Statistical and Economic Advisory Service

*560. **Shri B. D. Shastri :** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1148 on the 25th August 1955 and state the progress made so far in regard to the proposal for creating a Statistical and Economic Advisory Service?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri B. N. Datar) : The matter is still under consideration.

श्री बी० डी० शास्त्री : स्टेट्स रिपॉर्ग-नाईजेसन कमीशन ने जो इंडियन सर्विसिस क्रियेट करने की सिफारिश की है, क्या उसके साथ इस बारे में भी विचार किया जायेगा?

Shri Datar : Government are considering the whole question regarding the Statistical and Economic Advisory Service.

Urban Family Welfare Projects

*601. **Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Social Welfare Board have decided to set up Urban Family Welfare Projects in all the States;

(b) the nature of these projects; and

(c) the amount of money that will be needed for each of them?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Mr. M. M. Das) : (a) Yes, Sir. (b) They will be co-operative societies undertaking local industries to provide work in factories or in their own homes to lower middle class women.

(c) It is not possible at this stage to indicate the cost.

Shri Gidwani : May I know whether there is any such Project which has been started so far?

Dr. M. M. Das : Yes; one has been started in Delhi. It is the match factory.

Shri Gidwani : May I enquire whether the members of the Social Welfare Board have been permanently appointed or whether their membership is for a fixed period?

Dr. M. M. Das : If the question relates to the match factory then I may inform the hon. Member that it is run by a registered society.

Mr. Speaker: His point is whether the members of the Central Social Welfare Board have been appointed for certain period or permanently—for a life.

Dr. M. M. Das: I want notice.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: May I know whether any scheme has been evolved for the uplift of the rural people?

Dr. M. M. Das: No; this scheme is confined to the urban areas. In other words, this Family Welfare Project is for urban areas only.

"Amrutara Santana"

*56a. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 69 on the 27th July, 1955 and state:

(a) whether any decision has been arrived at regarding the translation of the Oriya Book "Amrutara Santana" into other regional languages; and

(b) if so, its nature?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) & (b). The matter is still under the consideration of the Sahitya Akademi.

Shri Sanganna: May I know the authority to whom the translation work has been entrusted and whether any time-limit has been imposed to complete the work?

Dr. M. M. Das: Only one chapter of this book was translated and it was sent to Dr. Harikrishna Mehtab to examine the faithfulness of the translation. We have not received any reply. Dr. Mehtab has told us that he wants more time to compare the translation with the original.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether that work has been translated in English or in any other language?

Dr. M. M. Das: Only in Hindi.

Education in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

*56b. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee which was set up by the Government of India to study the educational set-up in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and suggest plans for its improvement, had submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main features of that report?

(c) whether Government have accepted it; and

(d) the cost involved in implementing it.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A summary of the recommendations is contained in pages 108-119 of the Report a copy of which is available in the Library of the Lok Sabha.

(c) and (d). Government of India have accepted some of the recommendations made by the Committee, and steps are being taken at present for the implementation of those recommendations; while others are under consideration of the Government. The cost for the implementation of the accepted recommendations has yet to be worked out.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: What are the recommendations of the Committee in regard to the setting up of technical institutions in that island?

Dr. M. M. Das: There are a large number of recommendations numbering about forty-seven. I refer the hon. Member to the report which lies in our library.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I enquire what is the medium of instruction at present adopted in the islands and what other languages do the Government propose to introduce there?

Dr. M. M. Das: This Committee has recommended that Hindi, with the Devnagari script will be the regional language of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: What has been the consideration of the Government on the recommendation regarding affiliation of the institutions in the Andaman Nicobar Islands to the universities in India?

Dr. M. M. Das: I have said that Government has taken decisions about some of the recommendations, but others are under consideration.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know whether Government have received any complaints from the schools in the Andamans that affiliation to the Ajmer Board creates difficulties for their students?

Dr. M. M. Das: I beg to have notice of that question.