

as far as I am aware, there was general agreement—I mean there was no formal resolution to that effect but several members expressed their appreciation of this scheme

श्री विभूति मिश्र क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि डिग्री लेने के लिए एक साल नेशनल सर्विस जो बरनी है तो इसमें लिए पहले ही पढाई के वक्त में लोगों को क्यों न शिक्षा दी जाय ताकि उनमें नेशनल सर्विस करने की भावना पैदा हो जाये ?

डा० का० सा० भीमाली मैंने निवेदन किया कि अभी तक कोई स्कीम फाइनेल नहीं बनी है और जब वह बन जायगी तो मैं उसे आपसे सामन जरूर रखवगा ।

Shri Achar: May I know how the several States have reacted to this proposal?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: At present, the scheme is not yet finalised. We are working out the details. The State Governments and the Universities will be consulted when the scheme is finalised.

Shri Tyagi: What steps have been taken by Government to implement the recommendations of the Estimates Committee, namely that University students should be given wider opportunities to do manual, constructive work on a voluntary basis even on payment? The idea was that 'earn while you learn' may be spread as is the case in foreign countries.

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: As far as manual labour is concerned, the House is aware that the Ministry is working out a scheme for having labour service and social service camps, on a voluntary basis. Upto the 30th of September, 1958, about 4,500 camps have been held and, approximately, 5 lakh students participated in these camps.

I would like to know the latter part of the question.

Shri Tyagi: Are the Government prepared to adjust the timings of the colleges in such a manner as to allow the students to earn while they learn as is the case with 80 per cent of the students in America?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The conditions in America and in this country are very different. It is an excellent idea, it has to be worked out. But, whether the students can earn to the same extent as they do in the United States is a matter which has to be examined by the Universities.

Shri Goray: Will the hon Minister take note of a new item which has appeared in today's papers that 80 miles of super highway had been constructed by 15,000 Yugoslav students? Will he take note of that and expedite the whole scheme?

Mr Deputy-Speaker: That is all right. **Shri Patnaik**

Shri U. C. Patnaik: National service in western countries means training, drill and discipline. Are we having that or are we having conscription for labour? If so are we utilising the NCC and the ACC and also the other organisations for national service training?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The idea is to combine social service as well as physical training and military discipline without teaching them the use of arms.

Training Centre for the Adult Deaf

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*173 { **Shri Bahadur Singh:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Mohan Swarup:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government are considering setting up of a technical training centre for the adult deaf;

(b) if so, the steps so far taken to implement the proposal;

(c) the site chosen to start the training centre; and

(d) the amount expected to be spent on the scheme.

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrinani): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It is proposed to establish the Centre permanently at Faridabad. A suitable piece of land has been tentatively selected for the purpose of constructing a building for the Centre. Plans and estimates for the construction of the building have also been prepared.

In the meantime, efforts are being made to locate the Centre temporarily at some other suitable place.

(d) There is a provision of Rs. 8 lakhs in the Second Five Year Plan for the purpose, at present.

Shri Bahadur Singh: May I know the nature of technical training that is contemplated to be imparted to these deaf and dumb?

Dr. K. L. Shrinani: Various kinds of training which could be imparted, for instance, tailoring, carpentry and cabinet-making, machine work, commercial painting, electro-plating, printing, book-binding, photography, and various skills in which the deaf could be trained.

Shri Bahadur Singh: May I know the number of trainees that will be trained in the centre?

Dr. K. L. Shrinani: I am afraid that I do not have that information but I will be glad to give that information to the hon. Member.

Shri R. C. Majhi: What will be the duration of the training period?

Dr. K. L. Shrinani: All those details have still to be worked out.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether it is a fact that the I.L.O. expert had worked a scheme for the training of the handicapped at Bombay, whether that scheme had been worked

out and also whether it has got any response from the public or the industrialists?

Dr. K. L. Shrinani: The hon. Member is referring to the I.L.O. expert. One expert has been invited to help us in planning the education of the handicapped. I could not follow the latter part of his question. But if that is his question, the answer is, as already given by me, in the affirmative.

Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: May I know if there has been any survey as to the State in which there are the maximum number of deaf?

Dr. K. L. Shrinani: I do not have that information. But I may inform the hon. Member that there are 47 schools for the deaf in the country.

Shrimati Benu Chakravarty: After these trainees pass out from this institution, has the Government any system of giving them financial help to settle them in industries in which they have been trained?

Dr. K. L. Shrinani: All these matters will be decided and I would get that proposal also examined. Normally, they have some kind of sheltered workshops for this kind of people but our policy in the past has been to persuade the existing industries to employ these people and that has worked in the past. I think on those lines they would continue to work and we are only proposing to set up a special employment office for these people.

Shri Achar: May I know the total number of deaf and dumb in the country?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He has already answered that question.

Import of Steel from Russia

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* 174 { Shri Ram Krishna:
Shrimati Ha Falchoudhuri:
Shri Bishwanath Ray:
Shri Jadhav:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India propose to import steel from Russia;