

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN INDIAN
EMBASSY, WASHINGTON

605. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether there is a Department of Education attached to our Embassy in Washington?

(b) If so, what are its functions and the amount of money spent by it up-to-date?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Yes.

(b) The Education Department looks after the educational facilities and the welfare arrangements of Indian students in the Western hemisphere, and helps to foster cultural relations between India and the U.S.A.

The Department was set up in 1945. The total amount of expenditure spent on the Department year-wise is given below:—

1945-46	...Rs. 1,18,980
1946-47	Rs. 2,27,280
1947-48	... Rs. 3,06,821
1948-49	... Rs. 4,65,351
1949-50	Rs. 5,64,064
1950-51	Rs. 4,60,908
1951-52	... Rs. 3,85,240
1952-53	... Rs. 3,28,619
(Upto 31st January 1953.)	
	Rs. 29,38,263

SCHOLARSHIPS TO INDIAN STUDENTS STUDY-
ING ABROAD

606. **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 418 asked on the 2nd March, 1953 and state what is the method of selection of these scholars for overseas scholarships?

(b) How many of these scholarships, if any, are reserved for the Backward Classes?

(c) Do Government have any plan to absorb these scholars in suitable positions so that full advantage of their training abroad is taken?

(d) If so, what are the principal features of that plan?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Selection for each category of scholarship is made

by a duly constituted Selection Board appointed by the Government of India.

(b) None, but if two candidates possessing equal qualifications are available, preference is given to a candidate belonging to the Backward Classes.

(c) and (d). Except for the Central State Scholarship Scheme, scholarships are generally awarded only to persons for whom employment on return is guaranteed by the authorities sponsoring them. Under the Central State Scholarship Scheme, one scholarship is awarded each year to the most meritorious candidate from Part 'C' and 'D' States, without any guarantee of employment or obligation to serve.

GRADE III STENOGRAPHERS

607. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many qualifying tests for Grade III Stenographers have so far been held according to Central Secretariat Stenographers Scheme; and

(b) how many candidates appeared and how many have been confirmed?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) and (b). No qualifying test has so far been held according to the Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service Scheme. Three qualifying tests were, however, held before the Constitution of the Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service at which one thousand, five hundred and forty-eight (1,548) candidates appeared, of whom 844 were declared qualified. Of them two hundred and fifty-five (255) have been confirmed so far in the Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service. Some more confirmations have been made in offices which have not participated in the Service, but that number is not readily available.

ASSOCIATION OF PRINCIPALS OF TECHNICAL
INSTITUTIONS

608. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state when the Association of Principals of Technical Institutions in India was formed?

(b) What was the work done by the Association in 1952?

(c) What are the sources of its revenue?

(d) How much money was provided for in the Budget for the Association in 1951-52 and 1952-53?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) July, 1941.