

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Attention of the hon. Member is drawn to my reply to part (a) of starred question No. 566 given on the 6th June, 1952.

(b) The Council has recommended to the Central Government financial assistance for the following types of institutions:—

- (i) old established non-Government institutions unable to equip themselves properly and to maintain proper standards, for lack of funds;
- (ii) new institutions started with a view to fulfilling the established needs of a particular region or the country as a whole; and
- (iii) State Government institutions, the development of which was formerly financed from the block development grants given by the Central Government to the State Governments.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: Is it a fact that a committee of the All-India Board of Technical Studies was appointed to prepare a scheme for providing training in industrial administration and business management?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: This was perhaps not the function of the committee mentioned by the hon. Member.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: Is it not a fact that an interim report has been submitted by this committee?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, a report has been submitted.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know what are the recommendations of the committee?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I require notice.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: How far have Government succeeded in applying the results of technical research to industry?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The hon. Member himself must be knowing something about it.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know which are the industries which have implemented the discoveries made?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: It is very difficult to answer; there are so many.

Mr. Speaker: Is the report published?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Could it be placed on the Table of the House?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes.

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): It is placed automatically.

منسٹر آف ایجوکیشن اینڈ نیچرل

ریسرچ اینڈ سائنٹیفک ریسرچ (مولانا

آزاد): غالباً وہ پارلیامنٹ کی لائبریری

میں موجود ہوگی۔

[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): Probably it is available in the Library of the Parliament.]

Mr. Speaker: Is it in the Library?

آئی جواہرلال نہرو: دیکھ لیا جاوے گا۔

Mr. Speaker: It is difficult to satisfy all these questions; therefore I enquired. If it is so, I am not going to allow any further questions.

مولانا آزاد: بہتر ہے۔

[Maulana Azad: All right, Sir.]

अच्छा महोदय: तो आप रख देंगे।

[Mr. Speaker: You would place it in the Library.]

مولانا آزاد: جی ہاں۔

[Maulana Adad: Yes, Sir.]

EXTRACTION OF "METHANE"

*860. **Shri N. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state whether any experiment has been made to extract "Methane" (an inflammable gas) from the Coal Mines as is done in some of the foreign countries?

(b) If so, in which Colliery or Collieries and with what result?

(c) If the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, do Government propose to undertake such a research?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No experiment has yet been made to extract Methane Gas from coal mines.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is a proposal to set up a Mining Research Station under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. Investigations about the conditions which are favourable in coal mines for the extraction of Methane Gas and research about such extractions can be undertaken by this Mining Research Station when it is set up.

Shri N. P. Sinha: May I know, Sir, when that research work has to be undertaken?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I cannot give you any definite idea about the period, Sir. But that Research Station is likely to be set up very soon and when it is set up, we shall see whether this investigation is to be undertaken.

Shri N. P. Sinha: May I ask, Sir, if such a gas can profitably be used as fuel also?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We cannot say anything at this stage.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

COMMITTEES TO CO-OPERATE WITH U.N.E.S.C.O.

*862. **Shri Ram Dass:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) what committees were set up by the Indian National Commission to co-operate with UNESCO in 1951-52;

(b) what were the terms of reference for these committees;

(c) what work has been done by these committees so far; and

(d) what is the time limit within which these committees are expected to finish their work?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) During 1951-52, the Indian National Commission for Unesco set up a Committee to suggest ways and means for promoting education for better world understanding.

(b) The Committee is to suggest to the Commission and the Government of India, methods of implementing Unesco's programme in the field of Education for International Understanding.

(c) and (d). No definite time limit has been fixed but it is hoped that the Committee will not take more time than is necessary to make their suggestions.

Shri Ram Dass: May I know, Sir, whether revision of text books is one of the duties of that Committee?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The improvement of text books was one of the functions of the old Committee.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know, Sir, for the betterment of world understanding whether this Committee will consult all the great powers of the world?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: That is a question, Sir, which is difficult for me to answer.

Shri Velayudhan: I wanted to know.....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. The hon. Member must understand well before he puts the question.

Mr. Velayudhan rose—

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. He need not argue.

Yes, next question.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HARIJANS

*863. **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government scholarships for Harijan students have been reduced by about two hundred rupees per annum and if so, the reasons thereof; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to restore it to the original scale?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Viswanatha Reddy: May I know whether the present scale of scholarship given to the Scheduled Caste students is sufficient for their text-books, for their tuition fee and for their boarding charges?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: That is what we think it to be. But if it is necessary, Government are certainly prepared to revise the present scale.

Shri Viswanatha Reddy: May I know, Sir, whether the scale of scholarship given by the Central Government is much less than that given by the Provincial Government?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: No.