

SCHEDULED CASTE SCHOLARSHIPS

548. **Shri K. C. Jena:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Central Scholarship Board for Post-Matric Scholarships from the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students of Orissa for the year 1954-55:

(b) the number among them who have been awarded the stipends;

(c) whether these stipends have been paid; and

(d) if not, whether Government are aware that delay in paying the stipends defeats the purpose for which they are paid?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) 113.

(b) 109 students have been selected and the remaining four are not eligible, having failed in the last annual examination. Of the selected students, 71 whose applications were complete have been awarded scholarships. The remaining 38 students will also be awarded scholarships as soon as their applications are completed.

(c) Whenever possible, this has been done. Since however applications were received till August 31, 1954, payment of the first half-yearly instalment to all students was not possible. All awards are expected to be completed by next month.

(d) There is no delay in the payment of the scholarships. The heads of institutions are all the same requested at the time of the award of a scholarship not to press the selected student for payment of tuition fees and hostel charges, if any, till the payment of scholarship reaches the institution.

IMPHAL TOWN FUND ELECTIONS

549. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of States be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Imphal Town Fund authorities have

prepared the electoral rolls for the Imphal Town Fund elections;

(b) if so, the names of the constituencies;

(c) the number of voters in each constituency;

(d) when the elections will be held;

(e) the expenditure incurred for the preparation of the electoral rolls; and

(f) the rules and procedure that will be followed in conducting the elections?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): The information is being collected from the Government of Manipur and will be placed on the Table of the House, when received.

I.A.F. STATION, CHAKERI (KANPUR)

550. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
Shri V. P. Nayar:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilian technical hands recruited at the Indian Air Force Station, Chakeri (Kanpur) since 1st July, 1953; and

(b) the number of technicians employed through employment exchanges?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) 150.

(b) 133. For the remaining 17 posts the Employment Exchange did not have suitable candidates to nominate.

PLANETARIUM AT CALCUTTA

551. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of the Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta to construct a Planetarium at Calcutta has materialised; and

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned by Government for the purpose?