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INTRODUCTION OF A POOR BOYS' FUND IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED INSTITUTIONS.

148. Babu ANANT PRASHAD: Will the Government be pleased to state if any step has been taken to introduce a "poor boys" fund in all Government and aided institutions and if so, what is the amount of Government contributions to the same?

Mr. B. A. COLLINS: The recommendation of the Education Committee regarding the poor boys' fund in recognized high schools was unfortunately overlooked. It will now receive consideration. For the last three years a grant has been made to Principals of Government and aided colleges for aid to poor and meritorious students. These allotments are distributed by the Principals in consultation with the Governing Bodies of the colleges, and are spent mainly on the payment of examination fees and the purchase of books. The amount so provided in this year's budget is Rs. 2,000.

FREESHIPS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

149. Babu ANANT PRASHAD: Will the Government be pleased to state what is the percentage of freeships allowed in Government and aided high and middle English schools?

Mr. B. A. COLLINS: The percentage is 10, exclusives of—

(a) holders of middle and primary scholarships;

(b) ex-scholars to whom free-studentships have been granted.

NUMBER AND DUTIES OF FISHERY OFFICERS IN THE PROVINCE.

150. Babu GODAVARIS MISRA: (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of officers in the Fishery Department?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of district fishery officers in the province?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to state the period for which a district fishery officer has served in the Puri district?

(4) Will the Government be pleased to state the class of work which that officer has got to perform?