

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: Yes, Sir. This question of erosion is also one of the points that this expedition is considering.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Arising out of the study made, I would like to know whether any practical suggestions have been made or steps taken for exploiting the suggestions and researches made.

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: Sir, practical application can only follow upon the results of the research being known. At present we are in the stage of study. Practical application will follow later.

SHRI BIREN ROY: Will the report be placed on the Table of the House so that we can form our opinion and then find out what is to be done?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: Whatever report is available, I shall be certainly very happy to place it on the Table of the House.

*444. [*Transferred to the 23rd March, 1965.*]

*445. [*The questioner (Shri Abid Ali) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3218-19 infra.*]

*246. [*The questioner (Thakur Bhanu Pratap Singh) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3219 infra.*]

*446. [*The questioner (Diwan Chaman Lall) was absent. For answer, vide cols 3219-20 infra.*]

INCREASE IN THE POSTS OF OFFICERS

*447. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been enormous increase in the number of posts of Secretaries, Special Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries and Under Secretaries in the Union Ministries as compared to those in 1947;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the increase in number of these officers; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there is more than one Secretary in each Ministry now?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) and (b) There has been an increase in the number of these posts, but the number of posts in any category depends on the quantum of work. As the work has increased since 1947, there has been consequent increase in the number of posts.

(c) No Sir. There are only 10 Ministries in which there is more than one post of Secretary or equivalent.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know from the hon. Deputy Minister whether he has got the figures relating to posts of Deputy Secretary, Additional Secretary, Special Secretary and Secretary, for 1947 and today?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: Yes, Sir, I have got the figures. In 1947, there were twenty-one posts of Special Secretary and Secretary and on the 1st of March this year there were forty-four.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any cases have come to the notice of the hon. Minister where posts of Additional Secretary and Special Secretary were created for particular individuals and not because of the pressure of work?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: I do not think so, Sir. Posts are created only when there is pressure of work.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware that in several Ministries, Departments have been created and Special Secretaries and Secretaries have been appointed in charge of these Departments; for instance, in the Ministry of Iron and Steel, there is one Department of Iron and another for Steel?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: As the hon. Member knows, the Secretaries are heads of Departments and Ministries having more than one Department have more than one Secretary. So far as this Ministry of Iron and Steel is concerned, as the hon. Member

knows, this is a new Ministry; it was not in existence in 1947. Eight new Ministries have been created and I may read out the list if he likes.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: Sir, some time back a study was carried out by the O & M Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs. May I ask the hon. Minister whether, as a result of that study, any norms have been fixed for the appointment of Additional Secretaries and Secretaries and whether, as a result of this, any posts in those categories have been abolished?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: I do not think any post has been abolished. I have not got any such information.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Would the Minister tell us the number of posts of Additional Secretary and Secretary in 1960 and the present figure because during the last five years the number has gone up? In view of the Finance Minister's statement in the Budget that he is exploring the possibility of economy, does Government propose to conduct an investigation into the utility of so many Ministries?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: Sir, the number here is given Ministry-wise. If he wants it, I can read out the list which is a long one.

SHRI A. D. MANI: The total number would do.

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: There is the Cabinet in regard to the creation of additional posts of Additional Secretary and Secretary. There is a restriction in regard to this.

SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA: My I know whether these appointments were made through the Union Public Service Commission or they were made by the Ministers concerned?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: These were not new appointments. The people were there and it is the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet that makes the appointments.

SHRI M. M. DHARIA: May we know whether the additional posts of Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries and Under Secretaries were created because of the reports submitted by the Secretaries themselves or because of some investigation or some report by other experts?

SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI: These posts were not created because of any report by Secretaries, but as my colleague just said the Ministries are expanding and some new Ministries have also been formed. For example, Works, Housing, Supply and Rehabilitation were all under one Ministry but now Works and Housing are under one Ministry, Rehabilitation is under another Ministry and Supply is another Department. So instead of one Ministry there have been three now and therefore naturally additional posts have to be created.

श्री عبدالغنى : کیا وزیر صاحب

فہمائیں گے کہ سیکریٹریز کے بڑھانے سے ریڈ آپجیمز کیا زیادہ نہیں ہو گیا اور کام میں دقت نہیں آ گئی - جو فنل پہلے جلد ختم ہوتی تھی وہ اب دیر میں ختم ہوتی ہے -؟

[श्री अहमदुल गरी : का वजी साहब फामायेगे कि सेक्रेटरीज के बढ़ने से रेड-टेपिज्म का ज़ाद नहीं हो गया और काम में दिक्कत नहीं आ रही ? जो फाइल पहले जल्द खत्म होनी थी वह अब देर में खत्म होनी है ।]

श्री ज सुख लाल हाथी : नहीं, काम जल्दी से नि ला है ।

श्री सभापति : अगर ये न होने तो अब जिन्नी देर होता है उससे ज्यादा देर हो सकती थी ।

[] Hindi transliteration.