

(ग) प्रशिक्षक कर्मचारीगण का कोई भी व्यक्ति लोकसहायक सेना दलों में 10 वर्ष तक नहीं रखा गया था।]

SHRI D. THENGARI: Those who were disemployed, were they discharged at their own request or who discharged them?

DR. D. S. RAJU: AS I have Madam, they were employed for a period of five years and more, if necessary. As soon as their services were not required, we discharged them.

*704. [The questioner (Shri L. N. Das) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 4979—81 infra.]

*705. [The questioner (Shri S. K. Vaidshampayen) was absent. For answer, vide col. 4981 infra.]

SHRI A. D. MANI: Madam, if the Prime Minister is coming later, I would take the opportunity of putting the question to him. Because a number of questions have got to be asked in connection with that. I do not know whether the Prime Minister is coming here now.

(The Prime Minister enters)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Prime Minister is here.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Yes, Madam, he has come.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You may put your question now.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Let him take his seat, Madam.

(The Prime Minister takes his seat)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now you may put your question.

SEPARATE MINISTRY FOR HINDI

*706. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister's attention has been drawn to a demand made by the All India Hindi Convention held on March 7, 1965, regarding creation of a

separate Ministry for the propagation of Hindi; and

(b) if so, what are his reactions in the matter?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI): (a) Yes.

(b) There is no such proposal under Government's consideration.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Madam, the present position is that in regard to the propagation of Hindi the responsibility is that of the Home Ministry. In view of the fact that the Prime Minister is the Chairman of the Chief Ministers' Conference and, therefore, he is in a position to understand the needs of the States, would he consider taking over the responsibility in his own charge?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: Madam, the Home Minister is always present in the Chief Ministers' Conference and in fact it is on the initiative of the Home Minister that papers are prepared and discussed. So, I think the Home Minister is in a fit position to deal with this matter.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Madam, is it a fact that after the recent agitation in South India no circulars have been issued by the Government of India in regard to the propagation of Hindi as an official language in the country? Is it a fact that all circulars have been stopped after the recent agitation in South India?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: It has been said that no circular should be issued unless it has been brought to the notice of the Minister concerned.

SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA: I find that the answer to (a) is 'Yes' and to (b) it is: There is no such proposal under Government's consideration. But the question was: If so, what are his reactions in the matter—'his reactions' means Prime Minister's reactions? May I therefore know what is the Prime Minister's reaction to what is contained in (a)? We anticipated his reaction, not the Government's reaction.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: I do not think I have to answer this question in my individual capacity.

SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA: As Prime Minister.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: Well, Prime Minister is the Prime Minister of the Government.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know if the Prime Minister has taken this opportunity of telling the sponsors and leaders of this Convention that the creation of a separate Ministry for Hindi will only harm the cause of Hindi, because it will become the sole concern of only one Ministry and not, as it should be and as I presume it is, the charge of all the Ministries and the entire Government?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: Well, I have not informed them anything about this. But, as I have said, it is a matter on which we have taken no decision yet and, therefore, the *status quo* will continue.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी औरङ्गिया:

माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि आज तक यह अनुभव में आया है कि इन 15 वर्षों की अवधि में जिस गति से हिन्दी का काम बढ़ना चाहिये था वह नहीं बढ़ पाया है। हमें अपने देश की भाषा हिन्दी करनी है, तो इस बात को दृष्टि में रखते हुए, हिन्दी का प्रचार बढ़ाने के लिए और उस में गति लाने की दृष्टि से कोई विशेष व्यवस्था करने की बात सोची जा रही है या यह प्रस्ताव मनासिद्ध नहीं है ?

श्री लाल बहादुर : वैसे गृह विभाग और एजुकेशन मिनिस्ट्री की ओर से इस बीच काफी बातें की गईं। यह ठीक है कि हिन्दी की उन्नति और तरक्की होनी चाहिये, लेकिन इस समय सभी भाषाओं के बहुत से सबाल आ गये हैं जिन पर हम विचार कर रहे हैं और उसके बाद फिर कोई दूसरा फैसला करेंगे।

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: Madam, while in theory the propagation of Hindi may be the responsibility of the Home Ministry, in practice the development and propagation of Hindi really falls under the Durview of several Ministries, the Home Ministry, the Education Ministry and other employing Ministries also. Is the Prime Minister aware that sometimes these Ministries work at cross purposes? Therefore, would it not be proper to have directly under the Prime Minister, if not a Ministry or if not a Department, a small unit which is in charge of the development and propagation of Hindi, because if it is directly under the Prime Minister, it will have a great influence on all the Ministries which unfortunately, during the last seventeen years, have been very often running at cross purposes?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: Well, there may have been occasions when there might have been some difference on certain matters between some Ministries, but we can have other arrangements for better coordination. It is not only necessary that I should take over the charge; I think we can make other arrangements.

श्री के० बाभोवरन् : क्या इसका भी कुछ प्रबन्ध करेंगे कि 'ऐस' हिन्द' इस्तेमाल की जाए जो मामूली लोग समझ सकें ?

श्री लाल बहादुर : जी हां, मैं भी आप की ही कैटेगरी में, कोटि में, हूँ और इसलिये मैं जरूर चाहूंगा कि सहज हिन्दी का इस्तेमाल हो, जिसको मैं भी समझ सकूँ।

श्री राज सहगल : क्या मैं माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी से यह जान सकूंगा कि क्या इस बारे में कोई व्यवस्था की गई है कि अक्सर जो नोट लगाने वाले आफिस के क्लर्क हैं या आफिसर्स हैं, वे यदि हिन्दी में नोट लगाते हैं, तो ऊपर के अधिकारी उस पर आपत्ति करते हैं और ऐसी आपत्तियां कई जगह की गई हैं और इसका रिकार्ड भी मौजूद है, तो जो हिन्दी में नोट लगाना चाहते हैं और साथ ही उसका अंग्रेजी ट्रांसलेशन देते हैं, ऐसे लोगों को डिस्क्रिज न किया जाए ?

श्री लाल बहादुर : आमतौर पर तो इसमें कोई निरुत्साहित करने की बात नहीं है । अगर उसके साथ अंग्रेजी का अनुवाद रहता है तो वह चलना चाहिये । लेकिन इस सम्बन्ध में एक पूरी नीति या पालिसी हम को बनानी है । इसलिये इस सम्बन्ध में जो हम आखिर फ़ैसला करेंगे, उसके अनुसार काम होगा ।

SHRI D. THENGARI: May I know what particular machinery is available to or at the disposal of the Prime Minister or the Home Ministry for propagation of Hindi?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: Regarding the particular machinery, of course it is the Home Ministry which issues circulars and directions, and as the Home Ministry has mainly to deal with the Central Government staff, the staff are advised to learn Hindi for which necessary arrangements are also made by the Home Ministry. Besides that, various other non-official bodies are also helped for the propagation of Hindi. They are given financial assistance.

Miss MARY NAIDU: May I know if the Prime Minister is aware of the fact that in spite of all the slogans of saying "go slow in Hindi" every ticket is completely in Hindi in the South and people are not able to find out to which station it is issued?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What ticket? Railway ticket or cinema ticket?

Miss MARY NAIDU: All the railway tickets are completely written in Hindi, and we in the South find it so difficult, and people who are not educated either in English or in any other language cannot even ask somebody else to find out if it is a correct ticket or not. It is such things which make people get frightened.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: What is the date?

Miss MARY NAIDU: How can I give that now?

AN HON. MEMBER: 23rd March, 1965.

Miss MARY NAIDU: 23rd March, 1965, as late as that. Is there any surprise that the people of the South are afraid of this movement? They cannot follow it.

SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE: May I know from which station the ticket is issued?

Miss MARY NAIDU: From Andhra.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: It seems one of my colleagues has furnished that ticket. I am really sorry . . .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is collusion.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: As far as I know there are clear instructions that the tickets will be published in three languages, I mean, the regional language first, it comes first, then Hindi, then English. There are very clear instructions. I do not know how this has happened. We will certainly make enquiries into it.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: It is a serious matter. I do not know why tickets should be published only in Hindi. English should continue along with Hindi even after 26th January. Madam, I stand for Hindi and we want that the pace of Hindi should be accelerated. But why should the Government act in such a callous manner in this matter? It is for the Government to explain why the tickets are issued only in Hindi.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: The hon. Member need not get so much excited over it. But I have said that there are very clear instructions and when I was in charge of Railways, these instructions were issued. The tickets were printed in all the three languages. In regard to this particular matter, as I said, I would like that ticket to be given to us and I would ask the Railway Minister to examine.

SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT: May I know Madam, from the Prime Minister whether his Government will take the consent of the southern States for any step taken for the propagation of the Hindi language?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: We are already consulting the various States and we will constantly remain in touch with them.

(Shri Bhupesh Gupta rose.)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Are you asking in Hindi?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I am asking in English. It is not like the railway ticket. He said that he would like to have the ticket. Do I understand that only one ticket was printed? If not, why the Prime Minister should not get it? It has been distorted by a lady. These ladies always distort. The position is this. Why should he not get it from the authorities concerned and institute a proper enquiry in order to find out exactly how this thing came to happen? It is not so simple a thing. There is something more in it than meets the eye.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: We will certainly look into the matter and find out how it has been printed and why the English language has not been provided in it.

TELEVISION SETS

*707. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has offered to supply 1000 television sets per year;

(b) whether the television sets made by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research at Pilani have been tested; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, whether the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting have placed any orders?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute, Pilani has a programme for the manufacture of 100(1 TV sets a year.

(b) Some tests of their laboratory model have been conducted but the receiver has not so far been thoroughly tested for commercial exploitation.

(c) No, Sir.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know from the hon. Minister at what price the Institute has offered these sets to the Information and Broadcasting Ministry?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: It is estimated to cost Rs. 800.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know from the hon. Minister whether on testing it has been found that these television sets produced by the Institute compare very favourably with those sets imported from outside?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: We have not tested it ourselves. There are estimates in regard to the possibilities, but I do not think that these sets are yet suitable for commercial service.

SHRI C. D. PANDE: May I know what is the percentage of the components that are manufactured here and of those that are imported from abroad?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: Actually, Madam, the estimated cost of each television set is Rs. 800 or so and this amount of Rs. 800 includes imported components worth Rs. 150.

SHRI BIREN ROY: Is it a fact that only the television tube has to be imported and that all the other parts can be manufactured in India? And if so, why has this idea of manufacturing only a thousand sets come?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: It does not concern our Ministry, it is part of another Ministry. But the estimate now is to have one thousand sets or so and if found suitable, they will increase it.

SHRI K. K. SHAH: When we are tight with our foreign exchange, may I know why this luxury of television sets should be enjoyed even if the components are worth only Rs. 150?