

submarines as well as manufacturing them in the country.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I do not think it arises out of this question.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: I would like to know if submarine manufacture is proposed to be wide > arises out of this question.

SHEI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: There are questions which are for later consideration. At the present moment the question under the consideration of the Government of India is acquisition.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Under what terms are the cadets being trained in the U.K. and, if ever the Government acquires submarines, whether the Government will see that repair shop is set up also so that we can independently repair the submarines and not be dependent on the country from which We purchase it?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: The main object of training at the present moment is to enable us to know effectively anti-submarine activities, counter anti-submarine activities. There is no inhibition or restriction, there is no condition as to how our people's knowledge can be used later.

SHRI A. M. TARIQ: May I know from the Minister whether it is a fact that the Arms Aid to Pakistan by the U.S. was on the condition that it would be for defence against China? America being a friendly country to India may I know whether any information has been sought from the American Government through our Ambassador in the U.S.A. as to whether any submarines have been given to Pakistan and, if so, what was the reply?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: We have already information that Pakistan is trying to obtain some from the U.S.

SHRI A. M. TARIQ: That is not my question. The Minister, when he replied to some supplementary, said

that the Government have no knowledge. My question is. America being a friendly country to us, whether our Embassy has sought any clarification from the U.S. Government as to whether any submarines have been supplied to Pakistan and, if so, what is the number?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: As far as I can recollect, the question that was put was in regard to Pakistan submarines. We said, we have no information about submarines being operated by Pakistan. To that I said we have no information.

INDIAN CHANCERY BUILDINGS AT WASHINGTON

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Chancery buildings at Washington are in a dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, what is the nature of the repairs that require to be carried out in the buildings and what is the total estimated expenditure involved; and

(c) whether the renovation of the Chancery buildings is going to provide for the expansion of the library at Washington?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON) : (a) No. Being stone buildings, these have a rather faded and grimy facade in comparison with modern new-style concrete and plate-glass structures. The buildings, however, require renovation and repair.

(b) The nature of renovation/repair is mainly as follows:

(i) Sand blasting of external facade, repainting of Chancery annexe, partial replacement of roofing and the renewal/polishing of wooden flooring.

(ii) The local firms require another week or so to be able to give accurate estimates.

(c) No. The somewhat cramped situation in the library as in the general office could be best improved by having additional office accommodation, which question is under examination.

SHRI A. D. MANI: May I ask the Minister whether it is a fact that there is hardly any library worth the name in Washington, that there is no librarian and that in consequence, neither Indians nor Americans visit the library?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: That is not true. We have a library, it is a reference library and not a lending library.

SHRI A. D. MANI: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether her attention has been drawn to the allegation which has been made publicly that some visitors who visited the library were told by the officials there that the newspapers in the library were not for reading and that they could not use those newspapers concerned?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: Sir, these are only allegations: I cannot confirm them. As I have pointed out, this is a library for reference and anybody who wants can walk into the library and see things.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: I would like to know, Sir, whether the Government has appointed a committee to advise our Missions regarding interior decorations and the display of Indian art pieces in our various Missions?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: There is no committee as such. But attention is being paid to interior decoration and the display of Indian art.

SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT: I would like to know from the hon. Minister at what price this building in Washington was purchased and what is the estimated cost of the maintenance of the building?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: I want separate notice for that question, Sir. I may tell the hon. Member that the estimated cost of the repairs, it is rather difficult to give, because the items of repairs are like painting and so on. These are specialised work and so you cannot give them in a comprehensive contract to one agency, and that explains the delay in the contracts being given.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: In view of the fact that generally the displays in our Indian Missions do not generally represent our Indian attitude and way of life, is the Government considering the possibility of appointing a committee of experts to look into this matter?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: It is a matter of opinion, Sir.

DISPLAY OF INDIAN DISHES IN LONDON EXHIBITION

*4. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian dishes were displayed at the Exhibition of modern kitchens held in London a month back, and

(b) if so, what particular dishes were liked and appreciated by the public there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON): (a) Yes.

(b) Most visitors liked the spiced curry dishes both vegetarian and non-vegetarian.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, why foreign exchange was refused to a delegation of women who wanted to go to London to participate in this Exhibition?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: Because it was not necessary, Sir.