

श्री आर० के० भुवालका : माननीय मंत्री जी बतायेंगे कि क्या इस काम को बढ़ाने के लिये सरकार ने कोई दूसरे देशों से सहायता प्राप्त की है या ऐसा करने का विचार है ? यदि है तो किन किन देशों को सहायता देने के लिये कहा गया है और इस प्रयोगशाला में जो कुछ भी जानकारी प्राप्त की जायगी वह क्या हमारे देश के लिये दरकार होगी, यह बताने की कृपा करें ?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: Sir, we have enough technical experts and it is with their assistance that we carry on the research.

SHRI A. M. TARIQ: The question was different.

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: I am aware that it is a highly important project in the sense that it will go into material research and development which is required for the varied articles required for defence production especially with the modernised tendencies.

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: May I know, Sir, what is the expenditure involved in it?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: This is a two-phased programme, the first phase envisaged an expenditure of about Rs. 40 lakhs. The second phase as at present will involve an expenditure of over Rs. 90 lakhs.

SHRI K. SANTHANAM: May I know, Sir, if the Kanpur laboratory is not mainly a testing laboratory?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: It has been so for the last 25 years but it is now proposed to expand it to do the other work.

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: According to my information the laboratory at Kanpur has been doing some research work for the last two or three

years. May I know, Sir, from the hon. Minister, since the introduction of emergency what new researches have been made by them?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: It is very difficult to enumerate off-hand the various things or researches done. I am sure there are quite a number. I have myself been there. Off-hand it will be difficult to say. If my hon. friend puts a question, I shall give the details, to the extent security considerations will allow.

SHRI K. SANTHANAM: May I know if the basic research proposed to be done at Kanpur cannot be done better in one of the National Laboratories where there are more Professors and more Fellows to do that research? Is it not duplication of the research actually done, to make the testing laboratories research laboratories?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: This arrangement has been considered at various levels and at various stages for a number of years and the conclusion is that this is the best place to do it.

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: What is the annual total cost for the whole laboratory and what is the amount spent as salaries? What is also the amount spent on scholarships?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: He might put a separate question.

SHRI A. D. MANI: The Minister said that the matter was considered at various levels. Was one of those levels the C.S.I.R. which is concerned with the work of the National Laboratories?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: I cannot say off-hand.

VISIT OF GENERAL MAXWELL TAYLOR

*277. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government extended any invitation to 'General Maxwell

Taylor, Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, to visit India; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, how the proposal (ami) to be made?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The Government of India received information that General Maxwell Taylor would be visiting Turkey and Pakistan. The Chief of the Army Staff, who had recently visited the United States as a guest of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, extended, with the consent of the Government of India, an invitation to General Maxwell Taylor to visit India and be his guest. The visit has since been postponed. I may add that General Maxwell Taylor may pay a visit in the middle of December,

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know whether the attention of the Minister has been drawn to the various newspaper reports—some seem to be speculative surmises? At what point of time did the Government invite General Maxwell Taylor to visit India, if at all? Was it earlier at the time of the emergency in connection with the Joint Exercises and so on or whether the proposal came from them that an invitation should be extended to him?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: This visit has nothing to do with the Joint Air Exercises. Our Chief of the Army Staff had visited America as their guest and as General Maxwell Taylor was visiting a country nearer India, we thought it advisable and courteous to invite him to visit our country.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: That is so. In that case, what about these reports that appeared in the press? It seems that for some reason or the other, the Americans thought that he should not come. That kind of report also appeared, that it appeared that

the India Government later on changed its mind, having invited him or thought of inviting in connection with our Exercises or on that occasion.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: There was no question of changing *our* mind because I gave the genesis of our invitation to General Maxwell Taylor.

SHRI A. M. TARIQ: May I know whether it is a fact that General Maxwell Taylor is coming actually to Pakistan and that also when Mr. Bhutto lodged a protest against the aid to India, and that only to pacify the Government of Pakistan General Taylor is coming to Pakistan and then on a second thought, he thought of visiting India also?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY): What has that to do with this?

SHRI A. M. TARIQ: He was coming to Pakistan on a protest from Pakistan, and not to India . . .

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: I would like to know from the Minister whether the visit of General Taylor was postponed or cancelled because Pakistan protested against his coming to India and secondly because there was a development of tension between India and Pakistan at Poonch?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: I do not think it has anything to do with that. As I said, he is visiting in the middle of December.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: I know whether his attention has been drawn to certain statements in the newspapers including American papers that the American authorities found it embarrassing in this connection to avail of or rather to have such kind of invitation materialised on account of the fact that General Taylor was going to Pakistan in connection with certain military consultations and so on following the U.S.-Pakis-

tan Military Pact and commitments thereunder?

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: I have not seen such news item appearing in any papers. Whatever interpretation the hon. Member wants to put, it is for himself and he can certainly do that.

INSTRUCTION TO JAWANS AND JUNIOR OFFICERS

•278. SHRI M. H. UTHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instruction to jawans and junior officers in defence training centres is given in Hindi;

(b) whether jawans and junior officers who do not know Hindi are punished with fatigue duty, etc. for not being able to follow such instruction in Hindi; and

(c) whether special Hindi classes for the benefit of those who do not know Hindi will be started in such training centres?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) Instructions on general military subjects to Junior Commissioned Officers and Other Ranks are imparted in Hindi. However, in the case of technicians, certain technical subjects are taught in English and Hindi. While in the Navy training of certain categories of Junior Sailors including boys is carried out in Hindi, in the Air Force training is given to English as the minimum educational qualification for most of trades in IAF is Matriculation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Teaching of Hindi forms part of the basic education syllabus prescribed for all ranks. No special courses as such are run or are considered necessary.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: What facilities are being given in these SOI RSD—2.

training centres for student-cadets who do not know Hindi, to learn Hindi? Are there any special Hindi classes being held?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: All facilities for imparting training in Hindi are available.

SHRI A. D. MANI: I would like to ask the Deputy Minister what the present position is in regard to the officers in the Armed Forces particularly the Army. He said that instruction was given in Hindi. Suppose there is a non-Hindi speaking student who joins the Academy, how is he to pick up those instructions if he does not have the background of the language? Therefore, the question of holding special Hindi classes arises. I would like to ask how the Army has solved this problem of the non-Hindi-speaking cadets being confronted with lessons in Hindi which they are not in a position to understand.

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: Hindi is taught to them, to the non-Hindi-speaking boys, and our experience is that the non-Hindi-speaking boys have done better than the Hindi-speaking boys.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Even if they do not know Hindi?

SHRI D. R. CHAVAN: That is what I said.

AFGHANISTAN-CHINA BORDER AGREEMENT

•279. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the afghanistan-China Border agreement has been arrived at between China and Afghanistan and whether a reference to the Kashmir status or the territory recently transferred to China by Pakistan from the occupied-Kashmir area has been made therein?

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