

(b) and (c) The project has not reached the stage of detailed formulations. They have not yet been fully worked out

†[प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री वी० के० कृष्ण मेनन) : (क) जी हाँ। एक रेडियेशन चिकित्सा विद्यालय स्थापित करने की एक योजना स्वीकार कर ली गई है।

(ख) योजना अभी विस्तृत रूप रेखा निर्धारित करने के स्तर तक नहीं पहुँची। वह अभी पूरे तौर पर नहीं बन पाई।]

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : इसमें किन किन लोगों को रिसर्च वर्क के लिये इजाजत होगी? क्या सिर्फ मेडिकल पर्सनल को ही इजाजत होगी या दूसरे लोगों को भी होगी?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: No, Sir. They are research scientists.

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : जैसा कि समाचार-पत्रों से मालूम हुआ है कि इस वक्त भी आपके कैंटोनमेंट में जो मिलिटरी हॉस्पिटल्स हैं उसमें रेडियेशन मेडिसिन के ऊपर कुछ रिसर्च हो रहा है? अगर हो रहा है तो वह किस मात्रा में हो रहा है?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: The hospitals in Delhi are the operational parts of it. Naturally they are prodded with doctors. If you call observation, research, yes, but the research is done in the laboratory.

\*44. [The questioner (Shri P. N. Rajabhoj) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 472-73 infra.]

#### STRENGTH AND ROLE OF THE INDIAN COMBATANT TROOPS IN THE CONGO

♦45. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of the Indian combatant troops sent to the Congo;

[ ] English translation.

(b) what specific duties these combatants are assigned; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of maintenance of these contingents and from what source the cost has to be met?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

#### *Strength and Role of Indian Combatant Troops sent to Congo and Cost of their Maintenance*

(a) The total strength of the combat troops sent to Congo is 4865. This includes armoured, artillery, engineer, signals, infantry, etc. units with maintenance components.

(b) Combat forces of member nations placed at the disposal of the United Nations become the responsibility of that Organisation in regard to their deployment, use, etc. Accordingly the Indian combat troops sent to Congo will carry out the duties assigned to them by the UNOC in Congo in pursuance of the Resolutions passed by the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations. The Secretary General has given certain assurances in regard to their use. These have appeared in the press.

(c) The estimated cost of maintenance of the troops mentioned in part (a) above, on account of their normal pay and allowances, is Rs. 74.43 lakhs per annum. Expenditure on the normal pay and allowances of troops sent to Congo is borne by the Government of India and all additional expenditure on them is borne by the United Nations. If and when units are raised in India to replace those placed at the disposal of the United Nations, the cost of such additional units is also borne by the United Nations.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether it is a fact that the Indian combatants who have been sent to the Congo have been received with disfavour by the Congo people and the Congo administration, and if so, how are these combatants likely to function in that country?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: There has been expression of hostility from some quarters in the Congo which is to be expected in the conditions in which the United Nations operations are carried out. So far it has not prevented the purposes for which they are being sent from being executed. There will be difficulties of one kind or another which are largely matters for the United Nations to deal with.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether it is a fact that the President of the Katanga Province has stated that in the event of Indian combatants entering that province, it will be treated as a declaration of war?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: Yes, they all have said so many things at different times, but our troops are there!

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: In the statement it is given that expenditure on their normal pay and allowances is borne by the Government and all additional expenditure on them is borne by the U. N. May I know the reason why the entire expenditure including their pay and allowances is not borne by the United Nations and whether any request to that effect was made by the United Nations when the troops were sent and are functioning under the United Nations?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: No, Sir. The Government has taken the view that the troops of this country are not to be hired out in that way. Sending them is part of the discharge of our obligations to the United Nations. But if there are additional expenditures of various kinds

for their service in a foreign country, that will be met by the United Nations.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: This is not a very correct way of answering.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let him finish.

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: If as a result of personnel or equipment being withdrawn, replacements are required there, it becomes an additional charge on our revenues. Then that must be met by the United Nations.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I will be the last person to hire out our armed forces. The answer can be given differently. May I know whether, in view of the fact that the Government of India is incurring expenditure, normal expenditure, and since our exchequer will be hit, they have made a request to the U. N. authorities to reimburse the Indian exchequer in respect of the expenditure that is incurred?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: "We have to bear the normal pay and allowances and salaries of our personnel.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether the Indian troops have by now entered the Province of Katanga and how they are being received?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: Sir, they are in Katanga. That is part of them are on the Kamina Base; part of them at Leopoldville; part of them are in transit and probably in transit in certain other parts of Africa. There is no question of the Indian troops being treated differently from any other and the United Nations Operational Command is responsible for their deployment.

SHRI A. D. MANI: In view of the cost involved in maintaining the troops in the Congo, would the Minister of Defence send a civilian officer of this Ministry to the Congo in order that he may be there to give us in-

formation from time to time about the cost involved?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: There exist means of receiving information; our contingents and troops send information to Army Headquarters through radio links. We have a *Charge d'affaires* in the Congo and there are other methods of communication. It is to be considered whether there should be any liaison officers with these units but in the conditions of the Congo, it is a matter for full consideration whether civilians should be sent out or not.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Is it true that in response to the appeal of the United Nations, the Congolese authorities have agreed to lift the economic sanctions excepting from those areas where there are Indian troops?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Who are the Congolese authorities?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: There has been a considerable improvement in the situation. Things do go backwards and forwards but there is nothing special in the way of discrimination against Indian troops and the United Nations have not accepted any discrimination.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Has it not been specifically stated by the Congolese authorities that they will apply economic sanctions where there are Indian troops in spite of their agreement not to apply these sanctions in regard to the other troops?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: They cannot apply sanctions against our troops because our troops function through the United Nations; they must apply sanctions against the United Nations.

DR. H. N. KUNZRU: May I know whether it is a fact that Mr. Tshombe who calls himself the Prime Minister of Katanga has given instructions to his people that they should sell nothing to the Indian troops?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: Well, he has made so many speeches. Actually, the supplies to the troops, as I said, are through the United Nations and when we are short of supplies, we have to use the channel of the United Nations for dealing with it. Mr. Tshombe has made many statements not only in regard to our troops but in regard to others also but so far as I am aware, in the last three or four days, there has been certain improvement and either the terms of the threat are not carried out or there is a moderation of it.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Is the hon. Minister satisfied that there is a good arrangement for the safety and security of our troops that are in the Congo?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: Well, the troops are sent there to maintain certain conditions in the Congo. There is safety and security in the sense that we shall not accept any conditions which are not normal in the case of such armies. So far as food conditions are concerned, there is a certain amount of rations with them to be provided for and we are in constant touch with the United Nations authorities to see that no shortage is taking place.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: From what we know of the United Nations, they are in the pact. May I know whether any definite agreement had been arrived at between the Government of India on the one hand before despatching the troops there to the Congo and the United Nations authorities on the other with regard to the exact manner in which these troops there are going to operate and, if so, what are the terms broadly of that agreement?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: There are no terms in regard to the military or other operational deployments. There are certain terms in the sense that the Government of India has set the limitations under which we would function or rather in

regard to the way in which our troops might not be used. And there is a letter dated the 4th March, 1961 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations to our Permanent Representative there which can be placed in the Library or on the Table of the House if that should be the desire. An extract of it I would read out:

"The Government of India may rest assured that their troops in the Congo will never be used for the suppression of any popular movements or in support of the parties or factions which are challenging the United Nations' authority. Indeed, neither the troops of India nor of any other country participating in the United Nations Forces in the Congo can, under the mandate of the Security Council, be used to further any partisan political ends."

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: This letter may be the subject-matter of a half-hour discussion. You allow it, Sir. Let the letter be placed on the Table of the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 46.

#### ENTRY OF CHINESE TROOPS INTO INDIA

\*46. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' of March 14, 1961, the Chinese troops were found to have intruded into "the Indian territory about a mile south of Nathu-La which marks the border between Sikkim and Tibet;

(b) if so, what were the details of the incident and how the intruders were dealt with; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any additional measures to check such incursions on vulnerable points on India's northern borders?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Government have taken all the necessary measures.

#### STATEMENT

On 10th March, 1961, at about 1-30 P.M., a burst of firing was heard near Kupup from the direction of Bitang-chho near the Sikkim-Tibet border. Kupup is about 14 miles east of Gangtok and four miles inside Sikkim. A patrol was sent immediately to investigate. It found one armed Chinese soldier close to a stone enclosure. He was apprehended by the patrol. Earlier reports indicated that he tried to shoot at the patrol but was overpowered and captured. It has now been found that no attempt was made by him to fire at the patrol. An automatic rifle and some rounds of ammunition were recovered from him. He is in our custody.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know how many cases of intrusion have come to the notice of the Government since the Chinese Delegation which came over to India to examine the official documents left?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: It is another question, Sir.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether it is a fact that the Defence Minister recently stated in Bombay that:

"India does not wish to fight over the Himalayan ranges, but if the Chinese have any intention of coming down the Himalayan slopes and