

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I am not a police constable even for a change. I want, Sir, to know then as to why the hon. Minister say that the man was trying to obstruct the passage of that alleged pick-pocket, when no such evidence was before him, except perhaps the statement by the guilty policeman.

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT: Sir, there is no question of any statement, nor was the man arrested. There was a queue there waiting for the bus. This man was loitering among the people in the queue. He had suspicions that that man was a pick-pocket.

MR. CHAIBMAN: Next question.

♦214. [The questioner (Shri *Dahya-bhai V. Patel*) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 955-56 *infra*.]

LOK SAHAYAK SENA CAMP ORGANISED AT VILLAGE NIMETA IN BARODA DISTRICT

♦215. SHRI MAGANBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Lok Sahayak Sena Camp was organised at village Nimeta in the District of Baroda in the months of August-September, 1960;

(b) if so, what was the extent of expenditure incurred by Government in holding and organising this Camp;

(c) how many trainees were enrolled in the beginning in the Camp;

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of trainees left the Camp with, in a short time of starting of the Camp; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the trainees were dissatisfied with the management of the Camp?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An expenditure of approximately Rs. 23,300 was incurred by Government on this camp.

(c) 525.

(d) 117 trainees left the camp on different dates before completion of the normal 30 days' training.

(e) No complaint has been received about the management of the camp.

SHRI MAGANBHAI S. PATEL: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the cook there was brought from Meerut, although they were available locally, and most of the trainees were dissatisfied with the quality of food?

SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH: Sir, I haven't got the information as to where the cook came from, but I might submit that tenders were invited and the lowest tender for the camp canteen was accepted, and the same contractor had previously also been given contracts for four other camps organised by this team.

DISTRIBUTION OF HIGH SPEED DIESEL OIL RECEIVED FROM RUSSIA THROUGH CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN MAHARASHTRA

♦216. SHRI P. N. RAJABHOJ: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra have decided to distribute the High Speed Diesel Oil received from Russia only through co-operative societies;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that priorities have also been decided in respect of certain co-operative societies; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, whether it is done at the instance of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND OIL (SHRI K. D. MALAVTYA): (a) to (c). Government of Maharashtra have expressed their desire to encourage distribution of High Speed Diesel Oil