

(d) whether the country will become self-sufficient with the setting up of this workshop?]

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) to (d). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XXII, Annexure No. 531.

†[शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली):  
(क) से (घ) मांगी हुई सूचना का विवरण  
सभा-पटल पर रख दिया गया है। (देखिये  
परिशिष्ट २२, अनुसूच संख्या ५३)।]

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: May I know, Sir, whether the Government propose to set up this kind of workshop in other States too?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: No, Sir. We have no intention to set up workshops. We are developing this workshop.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: May I know, Sir, in what different languages this Braille literature is published for the blind?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: They are publishing literature in Hindi and some other regional languages also. I am afraid I do not have that information with me.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: May I know the reason for the nomenclature of this school known as Braille Press, Dehra Dun?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: This is a well-known technique after Braille. It will take a lot of time to go into the whole-history of it.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if some arrangement has been made to get those books printed which are very useful for higher education of the blind?

[ ] Hindi translation.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, Sir. We will gradually take up that work also at a later stage.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR SERVICEMEN AT AMBALA BY ARMYMEN

\*598. SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Army-men were engaged in the construction of residential quarters for Servicemen at Ambala according to a new scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details of that scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA): (a) Yes.

(b) The scheme relates to the construction of 1,450 quarters for Officers, Junior Commissioned Officers, Non-Combatants (Enrolled) and Other Ranks of 4th Infantry Division, Ambala, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,14,78,000, including the *pro forma* cost of troop labour. The project is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: May I know, Sir, why this scheme has been adopted? Is it for economy reasons or otherwise?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: It is true that we expect a substantial saving by this method.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: What exactly is the saving that is likely to be effected and why has this scheme been adopted?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: The exact amount of saving can only be worked out after the scheme is completed.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: May I take it that there was no estimate made in this regard?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: An estimate was made and I have already given the estimate. And as I said, if

you want the exact details as to what the exact amount of saving will be, I can only do it after the scheme is completed.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: What is the personnel that is engaged in this work?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: It is both civilians and army personnel.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Are the army engineers also connected with the scheme?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: Yes, Sir.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: May I know, Sir, whether in such other activities also the military people will be used? Is there any scheme like that before them?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: This is the first project and I hope it will be successful. Then, we will consider employing the same methods in other parts.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: Now, the estimated cost of these 1,450 quarters is about one crore of rupees under the present scheme. May I know how much it would have cost under the previous scheme of work through contractors?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: It would have been considerably more than this.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Are these works undertaken exclusively by military personnel or are professional masons also working with them?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: Certain civilians are also employed and they are professional masons.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: In view of the fact that a large amount of land is being reclaimed in the area, will the army assist by working on these lands and produce more food?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: We are already doing that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They are already doing it—he says.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: They are not doing it in a larger measure.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

#### REBATE OF DUTY ON INDIGENOUSLY ROLLED SECTIONS OF STEEL

\*599. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how the concessions to give rebate facilities in customs and excise duties on the steel indigenously rolled and used for manufacture of engineering goods given by Government are likely to affect the revenue earnings of Government from the respective sources; and

(b) to what extent the concessions are expected to help our export earnings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) On the basis of the trend of exports of engineering goods during the first half of this year, the amount approximately estimated to be disbursed by way of rebate of Customs and Central Excise duties is Rs. 1'50 lakhs per annum.

(b) The concession will improve the competitive position of Indian engineering goods in foreign markets by reducing the price to the extent of the rebate. It is not possible at present to make an estimate of the likely increase in our export earnings which would be brought about by this measure.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, to what extent loss of earnings under the various heads is likely to be compensated by our export earnings?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: The projects do not cover any loss of earnings.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, whether the earnings from the concessions given by way of rebate are likely to be compensated by export earnings.