

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: Sir, I have already given the answer that the personnel of the defence forces are used only in pursuance of the Act of 1947 for the maintenance of the life of the community. The defence forces are not interested in any other matter and we have not functioned and they do not function in that way. As far as representations from trade unions are concerned, I submit that we do not stand in the way of anybody making any representation.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: The hon. Minister was a member of the British Labour Party. May I know from him what would be the reactions in the British Labour Party if in comparable circumstances the defence forces there were used to break a legitimate strike or were to interfere in a legitimate industrial dispute of this kind?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a hypothetical question—if you were there and if that happened.

CUT IN THE COST OF PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS

*168. **SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state whether Government have issued any instructions to the State Governments to effect a cut in the cost of primary school buildings?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): The Ministry has written to the State Governments emphasizing the urgent necessity of effecting the maximum possible economy in the cost of school buildings.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if the hon. Minister is aware that most of the existing primary schools are situated in very old clumsy buildings in very unhealthy surroundings?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, Sir. I am aware of that.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if the Government is intending to have open air schools or if it is the intention of Government to bring about economy in the expenditure only?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Wherever possible open air schools may also be opened. If the alternative is between not opening a school and opening an open air school, I would prefer even an open air school.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: What is the approximate intended cut in the school buildings advised by the Education Ministry?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: It is for the State Governments to decide. We have suggested to the State Governments that on the construction of elementary school buildings expenditure should not normally exceed Rs. 1,000/- for the first unit of about 40 children under one teacher and Rs. 500/- for each such additional unit in the same school. This is a rough estimate. Each State Government must decide according to their own local conditions.

SHRIMATI AMMU SWAMINADHAN: May I know if the Government is thinking of giving up the use of cement for school buildings so that expenditure may come down? We find in the South that cement is not absolutely necessary for buildings.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I agree that in rural areas cement and steel should be avoided as far as possible.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if it is a fact that most of the States have approached the Education Ministry and have said that this amount which has been sanctioned would not be sufficient and so more money should be allotted to them for the primary schools?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The hon. Member is now asking a question which has little relevance to this question.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARNAND: What is the area contemplated for schools which are to be built for Rs. 1,000/- for 40 children? Can he give the length and the breadth?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I have not got all those details.

माउण्टेनियरिंग इंस्टीट्यूट का हिमालय की चोटियों पर अभियान

*१६६. श्री राम सहाय : क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि हिमालयन माउण्टेनियरिंग इंस्टीट्यूट, दार्जिलिंग द्वारा १९५७ में हिमालय की चोटी नन्दा देवी पर चढ़ने के लिये जो अभियान आयोजित किया गया था, क्या उसके बाद किसी और अन्य चोटी पर चढ़ने का कोई प्रयास किया गया है; यदि हां. तो उसका क्या परिणाम निकला है ?

†[CLIMBING OF HIMALAYAN PEAKS BY MOUNTAINEERING INSTITUTE

*169. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether any attempt has been made to climb some other peak after the expedition organized by the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling in 1957 to climb the Himalayan peak of Nanda Devi; if so, what has been its outcome?]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA): An attempt on Nanda Devi was made in July 1957 as a part of an Advanced Course of the Institute. No advanced Course has since been held. The next course is expected to be organised in 1959.

‡प्रतिरक्षा उपमंत्री (सरदार एस० एस० मजीठिया) : जुलाई १९५७ में मंस्था के एक उच्च पाठ्यक्रम के एक भाग के तौर पर नन्दा देवी पर आरोहण का एक प्रयास

† [] English translation.

‡ Hindi translation.

किया गया था। उसके पश्चात् अब तक कोई उच्च पाठ्यक्रम संयोजित नहीं किया गया। अगले पाठ्यक्रम के १९५९ में संयोजित होने की आशा है।

श्री राम सहाय : क्या माननीय मंत्री यह बतलाने को कृपा करेंगे कि भारतीय जनता का प्रात्साहित करने के लिए तथा उनमें सूचि पैदा करने के लिए कोई योजना आपके मंत्रालय द्वारा चलाई जा रही है ?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: I am not aware of any such request from anybody at the moment. But this Institute is working and we have got civilians also under training.

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: May I know whether any person died in this expedition?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: Not in this; but in the last expedition—it was not an official one—the Principal of this, Major Jayal, died.

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: What is the reason of his death?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: He died of pneumonia.

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: Is it a fact that he was not carrying oxygen with him?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: He was carrying oxygen but he did not use it to the extent that he should have used.

आयल इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड

*१७०. श्री राम सहाय : क्या इस्पात, खान और ईंधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि आसाम में अपरिष्कृत तेल के उत्पादन और परिवहन के लिये जिस आयल इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड को स्थापित करने का विचार था क्या वह स्थापित हो चुकी है ?