

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether we are producing radio sets that will serve the purpose of other Ministries here like the Railways and others?

SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH: That is the objective, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: How long will they take to become self-sufficient with regard to the supply of radio sets required for Railways and other Ministries?

SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH: I have not got the actual date when we will be able to achieve the target in production. Since the question is confined to crystals, if a separate question is given notice of, I shall be glad to supply the information.

WIND POWER DIVISION

*82. SHRI B. C. NANJUNDAIYA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 9 in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July 1956 and state:

(a) whether the Wind Power Division has since been set up; and

(b) if so, at what cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (DR. MONO MOHAN DAS):

(a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI B. C. NANJUNDAIYA: May I know the reasons?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: We are finding it difficult to find a properly and adequately qualified man in this line who may be placed in charge of the Division.

NATIONAL FUNDAMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

*83. SHRI B. C. NANJUNDAIYA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to

state whether the National Fundamental Education Centre has begun to function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): Not yet, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: When will it begin to function?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Some time during this year.

RELIGIOUS TEACHERS

84. SHRI B. C. NANJUNDAIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by Government on religious teachers employed to teach the personnel of the Armed Forces during 1956-57?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA): An expenditure of Rs. 5,81,829.39 nP. was incurred on the pay and allowances of the religious teachers during 1956-57.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, Sir, in what denominations religious teaching is going on and who are the teachers?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: Regarding teachers you have got these padres, you have got these 'Granthis', the 'Mullas' and others who look after these.

SHRI D. A. MIRZA: Sir, ours is a secular State. I wish to know why these religious persons are brought in for the army personnel.

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: It is the decision of the Government. The facilities for religious instruction and subsidising it are in a way an amenity for the convenience of the troops.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Is this religious teaching given in the units or at some teaching school?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: Normally you have a place, a mosque or 'mandir' or 'gurudwara' or a church which is in the cantonment and the religious preaching is done over there.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Is it compulsory for the soldiers or the members of the Forces to go to these mosques or temples, etc?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: For this teaching?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is it compulsory for the units to go and attend?—he asks.

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: No, Sir. It is not compulsory.

SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN: May I know, Sir, whether there is an atheist teacher to teach those who do not believe in God at all? It is a religious matter, but there may be some soldiers who do not believe in God at all. Is there anyone to teach them that there is no God at all? Is there an atheist teacher at all? That is my question.

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: If they do not believe in God, they need not believe.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, if any particular scriptural books are being taught or any moral teaching is given to these teachers?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: Only teaching enjoined by the scriptures or religious books is being taught to them.

SHRI R. U. AGNIBHOJ: What is the effect of this teaching—good or evil?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: It depends upon the persons concerned. In some cases they consider it very good; others do not like it at all.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: The hon. Deputy Defence Minister just said that

people go to mosque or temple or church according to their religious affiliations and beliefs. Now, may I know whether the Defence Ministry has made any effort up till now to evolve a common prayer for all sorts of people?

(No reply.)

SHRI D. A. MIRZA: Will it not, Sir, shatter the morale of the Defence forces if religion is introduced.

(No reply.)

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Sir, my question has not been answered.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether the Government consider it necessary to continue this denominational religious instruction particularly in view of the fact that it does not form part of the necessary military training?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: So long as the soldiers want that they should get this instruction, we will give it to them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Dr. Raghubir Sinh.

SHRI D. A. MIRZA: If 'ahimsa' and non-violence is taught to the army personnel, will it not bring disaster?

(No reply.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HINDI EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

*85. **DR. RAGHUBIR SINH:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 26 in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th May 1957 and state:

(a) whether any final decision has since been taken on the recommendations contained in the report of the Hindi Examination Committee; and