

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ranga, you have not seen the question. The question was whether the Government had received any representation and the answer was, 'no'.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIA FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*348. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state the details of the technical assistance given to India by the United States of America for the year 1956?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): A sum of \$10 million has been authorised for the year 1955-56. Detailed proposals for the utilisation of this allocation are under the consideration of the Government of India.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether this assistance is authorised for the purpose of giving technical services or equipment or both?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: It is for both.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether we are required to make any contribution towards this?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: No, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is there any condition that the amount should be utilised in America only or a major portion of it and if so to what extent?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: Under this scheme trainees are to be trained in America and experts to be provided by the U.S. Government. So experts come from the U.S. and our trainees go there and the equipment is generally supplied by the U.S. Government.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Is it a fact that a great part of this sum will be spent in the acquisition of experts from U.S.A.?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: Yes, Sir.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Is it a fact that the salary paid to these experts is so high that on paper we get 10 million dollars but the actual number of persons brought into the country is only very small?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: Experts the world over are very costly.

INVENTION OF "IMMERSION LIQUID FOR MICROSCOPY"

*349. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. J. N. Bagchi, a Delhi pathologist, has invented an "Immersion Liquid for Microscopy" whose ingredients are mostly cheap indigenous materials; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to help him develop, manufacture and popularise the new invention?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) and (b). Samples of the 'Immersion Liquid for Microscopy' invented by Dr. J. N. Bagchi were tested by the Indian Council of Medical Research and the Ministry of Defence. The liquid was found quite satisfactory for microscopic work and has been included in the list of medical stores required by the Armed Forces Medical services. Ingredients of the liquid were not disclosed by the inventor and he did not ask for any assistance.

*350. [The questioner (Shri Lalchand Hirachand Doshi) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2594 infra.]

*351. [For answer, vide cols. 2591-92 infra.]

ARREST OF OFFICE-BEARERS OF INSURANCE COMPANIES

*352. SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state: