

(iii) The Committee is not intended to work on a whole-time basis but will be meeting only as and when necessary. All the permanent members are Government officials who will be governed by their normal terms and conditions of service and no special terms and conditions are required to be laid down for them while serving on the Committee. Private industrialists will not be represented permanently on the Committee but will be invited to attend meetings of the Committee as and when necessary. Accordingly, no terms and conditions of service are necessary for such representatives either.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES UNDER THE
DEFENCE MINISTRY

*179. BABU GOPINATH SINGH: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Civilian Employees working under the Defence Ministry category-wise, who are still treated as (i) temporary and (ii) quasi-permanent.

(b) whether there is any rate for annual rise from temporary to quasi-permanent and quasi-permanent to permanent status respectively; and

(c) what are the longest periods of continued service required to qualify temporary and quasi-permanent employees to be placed respectively in the quasi-permanent and permanent grades?

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE ORGANISATION (SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) No.

(c) There are no such specific periods.

BABU GOPINATH SINGH: May I know the reason or justification for having a quasi-permanent class of employees?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: I am afraid it is beyond me to give the reasons. That is the Home Ministry's rule which is being followed by the other Ministries.

BABU GOPINATH SINGH: Will it not be proper to reduce the number of these categories with a view to proceeding towards a classless society?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: I think they, in the long run, become classless; when they become permanent, they are all in one class.

†GEOGRAPHY SEMINAR

*6. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY): Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Geography Seminar was held recently; and

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made by it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The seminar unanimously resolved that an International Council for the study of Afro-Asian Geography be set up.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: What steps are now being taken in that respect?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: This was a seminar organised by the Aligarh University and they have made certain recommendations with regard to the setting up of an international organisation; but the Government have not yet considered that question.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Did the Government of any other country, besides the Government of India, participate in that seminar?

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