

**RAJYA SABHA****Monday, 5th December 1955**

The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

**ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS****PLEBISCITE IN SUDAN**

♦166. SHRI SARDAR SINGH OF KHETRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have been invited by the Government of Egypt to participate in the International Commission to supervise the plebiscite in Sudan; and

(b) if so, what action the Government of India propose to take?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) Yes.

(b) The Government of India have accepted the invitation and have nominated Col. B. H. Zaidi, M.P., as their representative.

SHRI SARDAR SINGH OF KHETRI: May I know, Sir, what is likely to be the date of the plebiscite?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I do not know it. It has not yet been decided.

SHRI SARDAR SINGH OF KHETRI: May I know who is going to be the Chairman of this Commission?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I have no information.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: That has not been decided as yet.

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DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Who will pay the expenses for his going there and coming back, Sir?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: These are very trivial matters. I really do not know it, but presumably the Sudan Government.

\*167. [For answer, vide cols. 1440-41 infra.]

**BUDGET OF PONDICHERY STATE**

•168. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the budget figures of total income and expenditure of the Pondicherry State since its *de-facto* transfer; and

(b) its main heads of income?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, Annexure No. 39.]

SHRI M. VALIULLA: According to the statement, the income is Rs. 61,90,000, whereas the expenditure is Rs. 1,86,56,000. May I know, Sir, how the deficit is going to be met?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I could not catch the question, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: In the statement, it has been stated that in respect of the year 1955-56, the income is Rs. 61,90,000, and the expenditure is Rs. 1,86.56,000. I want to know how the deficiency is going to be made up.