

this subject studied only in their own Institute; or, are they prepared to give grants and other assistance to other institutes like the one that we have in Nagpur, for instance, and in that way encourage more and more all these institutes that are found in different parts of the country to carry on these studies?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Both these proposals are under consideration. Government wish to encourage the existing institutions as well as consider the possibility of setting up a Central Institute

PROF. G. RANGA: Has any attempt been made to study the working of the Institute at Nagpur and to give any assistance to it till now?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I shall need notice with regard to that particular question.

SHRI KANHAIYALAL D. VAIDYA: May I know, Sir, whether the Committee has suggested any place for the Institute?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: As I said, the whole scheme is under consideration

NAVAL HOSPITALS

*254. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post-partition Indian Navy had inherited any hospitals as their own; and

(b) what is the present strength of naval hospitals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA): (a) No.

(b) One.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, Sir, where this hospital is situated; and whether there is any proposal to add to the number of hospitals?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: INS "Aswini" is in Bombay. About adding some more hospitals, we have finalised plans to add one more at Cochin; and the possibility is that, after this is completed, we might think of another one at Vizag.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: I take it that in the "Aswini" we have got 300 beds. What is the number of beds at Cochin and Vizag which you are going to instal hereafter?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: The hon. Member is correct in saying that we have got 300 beds in Bombay. The one that is contemplated at Cochin will have 75; and Vizag possibly will have about the same number.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Are there any medical schools where the people are given training before they are sent to hospitals to give treatment; if so, where?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: Yes, Sir. We have got a Central college at Poona where people joining the Armed Forces Medical Service get a proper grounding in Service matters.

RESETTLEMENT OF SURPLUS DEFENCE EMPLOYEES

*255. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether data relating to all Government industrial establishments are being collected for the purpose of finding work for those rendered surplus in Defence Establishments; and

(b) if so, what is the progress so far made in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA): (a) and (b). Consultations have been held with other Government Departments dealing with industrial undertakings with a view to finding work for those rendered surplus in Defence establishments and certain information has been collected. The question

is being further studied on the basis of the information so collected.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it correct, Sir, that at present there are about five thousand people who are surplus?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: That was the original figure; but some more have found employment through the employment exchanges, and thus their figure is coming down

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, Sir, for how long the Ministry of Defence is collecting information from the other Ministries as to their requirements?

DR K. N. KATJU: The effort is continuous, Sir. Always information is being asked for. Sometimes the information is helpful, sometimes not. Sometimes the Ministries say they cannot employ, sometimes they say they will consider.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, Sir, whether the Ordnance Factories are manufacturing the requirements of other Ministries, thereby giving employment to those personnel who are surplus?

DR K. N. KATJU: We are making the utmost effort to utilise every single man and not to discharge any one

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What are those things of which the other Ministries have asked the Defence Ministry to undertake manufacture?

DR K. N. KATJU: My hon. friend is putting a general question. There are orders placed on Ordnance Factories sometimes by the Posts and Telegraphs Department, sometimes by the Railways, and those orders are carried out.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: In view of these surplus employees in the Defence industries, may I ask whether the Government has considered any proposals for conversion in order

to find employment there in the plants?

DR K. N. KATJU: Considering proposals for conversion? I do not understand it.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Converting certain Defence plants engaged in producing munitions for other types of productions.

DR K. N. KATJU: No, that is not possible. We are trying to use our machinery for the purpose of carrying out civil trade orders

आल-इंडिया वीमेन्स हाकी असोसियेशन

१२५६ श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार को यह मालूम है कि आल-इंडिया वीमेन्स हाकी असोसियेशन स्त्रियों की एक हाकी टीम जापान व पाकिस्तान के दौरे पर भेजने की योजना बना रहा है, और

(ख) यदि हा तो क्या सरकार का इस प्रयत्न में असोसियेशन की सहायता करने का विचार है?

†[ALL INDIA WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

*256. **SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN:** Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the All India Women's Hockey Association is planning to send a women's hockey team to tour Japan and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to help the Association in this venture?]

शिक्षा उपमंत्री (डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली): (क) हा जी, परन्तु इस समय असोसियेशन ने यह प्रस्ताव छोड़ दिया है।

(ख) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होता।

†English translation