

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, 1st September 1955

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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INSTITUTE OF INDOLOGY

*253. DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had asked certain eminent Sanskrit scholars to submit a scheme for the establishment of an Institute of Indology and whether those scholars had submitted certain schemes about a year ago;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in respect of any of those schemes;

(c) whether the scheme submitted by Mahamahopadhyaya P. V. Kane has been accepted by Government; and

(d) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken shortly by Government for starting an Institute of Indology in this country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d). The matter is under consideration.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: What was the cost of those schemes?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Dr. Kane's scheme is estimated to cost about Rs. 3,70,000 per year recurring, including miscellaneous items of expenditure for which Dr. Kane did not give any account. The non-recurring cost of the scheme has not been furnished.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: It is said that the schemes are under active
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consideration of Government. Do we understand that the Government do intend to institute an Institute of Indology in this country?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, Sir. The proposal has been under consideration for some time and we are calling a conference of eminent scholars sometime in September when these schemes will be considered.

SHRI T. D. PUSTAKE: How long has the Government been thinking of it? How long has this been under consideration?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Sir, the original proposal came quite early in 1948 from the All India Oriental Conference at their 14th session. Later on, because of lack of adequate funds, the proposal was dropped for some time. The proposal was again taken up in March 1953 and since then the matter is under consideration. The Government had appointed a Committee consisting of Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji and Prof. Nilakantha Sastri; but unfortunately they could not come to an agreement with regard to the scheme and, therefore, the matter had to be prolonged. Now, we are proposing to call a conference of eminent scholars sometime in September when all the schemes will be considered.

SHRI T. D. PUSTAKE: May I know, Sir, when this Committee submitted its report?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I could not tell the exact date; it was sometime after 1953.

SHRI GOPIKRISHNA VIJAIVAR-GIYA: Sir, in view of the importance of the subject, is not the sum of Rs. 3 lakhs very meagre for this Institute of Indology?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: That is a relative question—whether it is enough or meagre.

PROF. G. RANGA: Are we to understand that Government want to get

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