

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether the Government have ascertained the reason why the registers were not submitted to audit?

SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA: The form that was first devised was a very complicated one and we were also suffering from lack of trained personnel. The new form that we have now supplied is a simpler one and we are getting the returns properly, but some of the new missions which have been opened after 1950 might have defaulted and, as I said, we are collecting the information and we shall lay it on the Table of the House. After the simplification of the form they were expected to submit returns by the end of June 1954. Most of them have been received but possibly some have not yet been received. As I said, the information is being collected.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Has the Rajkumari Committee which was appointed in this connection received any returns?

SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA: I do not know what Committee the hon. Member is referring to.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: An Advisory Committee was appointed with the hon. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur as President to look into the furnishing and furniture needs of the Embassies.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: It has nothing to do with returns or registers. It was to advise on the artistic aspects of this question.

EXCESS OF RADIO ACTIVITY IN UTTAR PRADESH

*466. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hail-storm, that took place in the beginning of May, 1955 in a small area of Meerut District of Uttar Pradesh causing loss of about a dozen human lives and great damage to ripe corn, trees and

cattle, is estimated to be due to the excess of radio activity in the Uttar Pradesh caused by atomic experiments; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to reduce the radio activity of the atmosphere there, and if so, what are they?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b). No reports about any excess of radio activity in the Meerut District have been received by the Government of India nor have they any information on the subject.

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MARKETING OF COTTAGE INDUSTRIES PRODUCTS IN AMERICA

*470. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sometime back one Mr. Martinuzzi came to India on Government invitation to make a survey with a view to making arrangements for marketing of the Indian cottage industries products in America; and

(b) if so, what is the result of his survey?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During his stay in Delhi Mr. Martinuzzi visited several Handicrafts Centres to find out the articles which may suit the American taste. On his suggestion, some samples of Indian handicrafts were later displayed at Paris in June, 1953, to study the reaction of fashion experts.

It has since been reported that certain departmental stores of New

York have sent their representatives to India to make purchases of handicraft goods.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know when these goods were displayed at the Paris Exhibition?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: It was in June 1953.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: So do I take it that from 1953 up till now they have been unable to know the result of his visit to these Centres?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: As I said in my reply, many departmental stores of New York have sent their representatives to India to purchase handicraft goods.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: But have they purchased?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Many parties are coming for this purpose and exports are taking place Brocades, handloom articles, silk goods and other things are being exported to New York for sale by departmental stores.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether it is done on a governmental basis or it is done through private agencies?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: It is done through private agencies. The representatives of departmental stores select such goods as can find a market in New York. They come here place orders and arrange export of goods for sale in their stores.

NEW CENTRAL CADRE OF OFFICERS CALLED "FRONTIER SERVICE"

•471. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to organise a new central cadre of officers to be called "Indian Frontier Administrative Service" for the administration of the Hill Districts and Himalayan regions of India; and if so, when; and

(b) whether any details of the above proposal have been worked out?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): (a) and (b). Yes. There is a proposal to constitute a cadre of officers to be called the "Indian Frontier Administrative Service". The Political Officers and Assistant Political Officers who were selected for service in the N.E.F.A. in 1953 will form the nucleus of this cadre as they have generally justified their selection and shown good results. The Government is of the view that special type of sympathetic and friendly approach is needed in our dealings with the tribal people. The officers selected for this cadre will, therefore, be those who possess these special qualities in adequate measure and they will be trained and encouraged to develop these qualities further and to specialize in the administration of tribal people living in the frontier regions.

The draft rules for this. Service have been prepared and are on the same lines as those for the other All-India Services. These draft Rules will be examined by the Cabinet shortly.

It is expected that the cadre will be finalised by the end of this year.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know whether the officers of this cadre will be utilised only for the N.E.F.A. or whether they will be utilised in other areas also?

SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA: Mostly for the N.E.F.A. and also for areas like Tripura, Manipur and areas having the same problems.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: What is the proposed strength of the cadre?

SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA: To begin with it is contemplated that it will have 23 Political Officers and 20 Assistant Political Officers.