

before the Budget for 1957-58 is taken up for consideration and whether the Government has accepted that recommendation?

SHRI C. C. BISWAS: The question of the particular date of the next General Elections has not yet been considered by the Government.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: What is the recommendation of the Commission in this respect?

SHRI C. C. BISWAS: If my hon. friend will only look at the Report of the Election Commissioner to which I have referred, he will find in chapter.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Biswas, the question is in respect of the future General Elections.

SHRI C. C. BISWAS: Quite so; and there are certain recommendations contained, possibly in the last chapter—and I am trying to quote the number of that chapter—where all the recommendations have been tabulated, and this does not form part of that list. Whether there is any casual remark in the body of the Report is more than I can say because I have not refreshed my memory by re-reading the Report.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: The question is regarding (c)—whether the legislatures should be dissolved before the General Elections. May I know the answer for that? After all the General Elections are bound to come, may be today or tomorrow.

SHRI C. C. BISWAS: I suppose the reference is about the next General Elections. No date has yet been fixed and the matter has not yet been considered. It is a matter for the Government to decide and not for the Election Commission.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: May I know whether Government thinks that the Report of the States Reorganisation Commission will have to be considered and that only in the light of that

can a date and time-table for the next General Elections be fixed?

SHRI C. C. BISWAS: Government have not yet received the Report of the States Reorganisation Commission and it is premature for me to say here that Government have come to a decision as regards the effect of that Report.

LANGUAGE SURVEYS

*18. **SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR:** Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for the survey of important languages of the country has been finalised;

(b) if so, what are the languages proposed to be covered by the scheme; and

(c) what is the agency which will be responsible to carry out the scheme?

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

(a) Not yet.

(b) All the languages and dialects.

(c) This is under consideration.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know whether eminent linguists have been approached in this connection and their suggestions invited?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: As I said, Sir, the whole scheme is under preparation and I may assure the hon. Member that experts will be associated with this scheme.

प्रतिरक्षा विभाग द्वारा सामूहिक खेती

*१९. **श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास :** क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या प्रतिरक्षा विभाग प्रयागात्मक रूप में सामूहिक खेती कर रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो अब तक कितने प्रकार के खेत स्थापित किए गए हैं और उनके क्या परिणाम रहे ?

†[COLLECTIVE FARMING BY DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT

*19. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Department is doing collective farming on an experimental basis; and

(b) if so, what are the types of farms so far established and the results thereof?]

प्रतिरक्षा उपमंत्री (सरदार एस० एस० मजीथिया): (क) तथा (ख). जी नहीं। किन्तु यूनिट्स तथा फार्मेशंस अपने खाली समय में "अधिक अन्न उगाओ" योजना के सिलसिले में बिल्कुल अपनी इच्छा के अनुसार खेती का काम करते हैं। इन योजनाओं का खर्च रीजमेंट के फण्डों से चलता है। इनमें अनाज जैसे गेहूँ तथा धान और खाने की दूसरी चीजें जैसे सब्जियाँ तथा फल पैदा किये जाते हैं।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, farming in connection with Grow More Food campaigns is undertaken on a purely voluntary basis by Units/Formations in their spare time. The schemes are financed from regimental funds. Both cereals like wheat and paddy and non-cereals like vegetables and fruits are produced.]

PROF. G. RANGA: Has the attention of the Government been drawn to a statement made by one of the Majors-General to the effect that the Army should not be utilised for doing such socio-economic activities? The reason given out by him was that it would undermine the Army's morale, its discipline and concentration on defence activities.

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: I do not know to which Major-General the hon. Member refers.

PROF. G. RANGA: The statement was issued a few days ago.

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: As I have already said, quite a lot of spare work in the form of cultivation is being undertaken by the Units and Formations; quite a lot of produce is grown which is effecting a lot of economy in the rations issued.

PROF. G. RANGA: Is it the policy of the Government to confine the defence forces entirely to what is known in orthodox defence circles as 'defence purposes' only and not permit them to do outside socio-economic work?

DR. K. N. KATJU: The question can only be considered if any concrete scheme is produced. This question relates to land lying in the cantonment areas which is sometimes cultivated by the Units at their own leisure and for their own advantage.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the total amount of the produce?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: 28,517 tons were produced from these farms.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Were rations drawn less to that extent?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: Yes, Sir, about 14,450 and odd tons were drawn less by way of rations.

श्री कन्हैयालाल दाँ० बच्च : माननीय मंत्री महोदय को मैं यह बताना चाहता हूँ कि बम्बई में अभी जनरल थिमिया इंग्लैंड जाते हुये एक भाषण दे गये थे और उसमें उन्होंने यह कहा कि इस तरह की योजनायें बिल्कुल निकम्मी हैं, तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि फौज के अधिकारी द्वारा सरकारी योजनाओं का इस प्रकार पब्लिकली विरोध करना कहाँ तक उचित है।

डा० के० एन० काटजू : जनरल थिमिया ने जो अखबारों में कहा है, उसे मैंने भी पढ़ा है और देखा है लेकिन उसका यहाँ न जिक्र है, न हवाला है और न वास्ता ही है।