

CANVASSING BY INSURANCE AGENTS

*754. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO (ON BEHALF OF SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN): Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the agents of the Indian Insurance Companies are being denied facilities for canvassing business in and around the Indian Army School in Mhow Cantonment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only the agents of the Prudential Life Insurance Co., are permitted to operate in that area; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (DR. K. N. KATJU): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Some time ago, the Commandant of the Infantry School had ordered that only agents of such insurance companies would be allowed to operate in the School area as execute a security bond for Rs. 5,000. On review, this order has since been cancelled. The Prudential Insurance Company, which executed a bond, is now in the same position as other companies which did not execute a bond.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: If the other insurance companies also execute the bond

MR. CHAIRMAN: The bond has been cancelled, and all companies are on the same level now.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA-NAND: Does Government enquire into the political credentials of these insurance agents?

DR. K. N. KATJU: I could not quite follow the question, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What she asks is whether you enquire into the political antecedents and credentials of these companies.

DR. K. N. KATJU: The activity of the insurance companies is to insure,

and I imagine that the Commandant is very much alive to his duty.

FELLOWSHIPS OF THE LONDON UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

*755. SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fellows sent abroad for the Fellowships offered by the London University Institute of Education are selected from the Government employees or from outside; and

(b) how their services are proposed to be utilised after their return?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) The Fellows are selected out of the employees of the Government/Universities/Teacher's Training Institutions.

(b) Fellows on return are expected to join their respective posts.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know how many were sent?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I think, four so far.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Who selected them?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: A Selection Committee.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Are the officers of the Government of India represented on this Board?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The names of the members of the Selection Committee for 1954-55 were:

Shri K. G. Saiyidain, Ministry of Education.

Dr. G. S. Mahajani Prof.

M. Mujeeb Shri A. N.

Basu Shri C. N. Chak