

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, 29th November 1954

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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

STRENGTH OF THE DEFENCE SCIENCE ORGANISATION

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

(a) what is the sanctioned strength of the Defence Science Organisation; and

(b) what is its present strength?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA): (a) The sanctioned strength of the Defence Science Organisation is 267.

(b) Its present strength is 153.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I take it that all these people are Indians?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: I think so, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Sir, does the Defence Science Organisation look only to the development of the defence industries?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: No, Sir; it works on problems connected with defence, ranging from ballistics, which is an item of offence in the defence, to food problems connected with defence.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Are our people sent to foreign countries for training so that they may come and work here?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: They do keep in touch with the latest developments in science.

*35. [The questioner (Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan) was absent. For answer vide col. 171 infra.]

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*36. [The questioner (Shri J. V. K. Vallabharao) was absent. For answer vide col. 172 infra.]

NICOTINE SULPHATE FROM TOBACCO WASTES

*37. SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the commercial utilization of the process of extraction of nicotine sulphate from tobacco wastes developed in the National Chemical Laboratory of India, has been entrusted to two firms; and

(b) if so, the names of these firms, their capital outlay in the project and the names and nationality of the members of the Board of Directors?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 2.]

PROPOSAL FOR A CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF INDOLOGY

*38. DR. P. V. KANE: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a Central Institute of Indology; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken to carry out this object?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration.

DR. P. V. KANE: May I know whether the matter is likely to be decided in the near future and whether some

provision will be made in the next year's Budget?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: As I said, Sir, the matter is under consideration and it is likely to be decided in the near future.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know whether the consideration stage also involves the consultation of some Indologists and the inviting of their views?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, some experts have been consulted and their advice is being taken into account.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know as to who have been consulted?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Among the experts whom we have consulted are Dr. Chatterjee and Dr. Nilakanta Sastri.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Could the hon. Parliamentary Secretary give an indication of the advice given by Drs. Chatterjee and Sastri?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is under consideration.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: I am asking about the advice given.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Advice is being considered.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: There have been differences among these experts and I cannot go into the details.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: What are the functions of the Central Institute of Indology?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Of the proposed Institute?

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: Functions of the Institute.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Of the proposed Institute?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The purpose of establishing this Institute is to cater for the study of Indian languages, Indian history, Indian archæology and its various branches.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Are there not some Universities which have installed Chairs for Indology?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Universities are already having this but the idea was to set up an Institute where specialised research might be carried on in this subject.

FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID TO INDIA DURING 1954-55

*39. **SHRI H. C. MATHUR:** Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state what economic assistance has been made available to India by foreign countries so far during the year 1954-55?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI M. C. SHAH): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 3.]

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: May I know whether these are outright grants or loans?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: Both, grants and loans?

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: This statement does not give any indication as to which portion is loan and which portion is grant. Will the hon. Minister kindly make it clear?

SHRI M. C. SHAH: The question was with regard to the assistance made available and the reply was prepared accordingly. Now when the question is asked, I say that it covers both, loans and grants. So far as the United States of America is concerned, this year there is a loan of \$ 45 million. It will carry an interest of 4 per cent. and is to be repaid within forty years.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: May I know if it is a fact that assistance this year