

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