

have already gone to some other countries on one or other of the Government-sponsored delegations will be selected?

SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA: The selection, as I said, is not in the hands of the Government.

SHRI KANHAIYALAL D. VAIDYA: May I know whether a similar invitation has been extended to Turkey to send a delegation to India?

MR. CHAIRMAN: They came once before

REVISION OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES
OF THE MEMBERS OF I. F. S.

*472. SHRI SARDAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 5 in the House on the 23rd November, 1953, and state whether any decision has since been taken in the matter of the revision of pay and other emoluments of the members of our Foreign Service abroad; and if so, what decision has been taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): The Foreign Service Inspectorate has now been set up and the Inspectors along with a senior officer from the Ministry of Finance are at present on an inspection tour of Indian missions in Europe. They will examine the question of frays and foreign allowances of officers and staff in the light of local conditions and cost of living in each post and make suitable recommendations. Decisions will be taken on the receipt of these recommendations.

SHRI SARDAR SINGH: Will the Deputy Minister tell us as to when he thinks it is likely that this matter will be decided? Because I first asked the question two years ago and again last November

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: There is no finality about these matters. They

are continually being decided and given effect to and further consideration is being given to them.

SHRI B. GUPTA: May I know, Sir, in that case to what extent the public exchequer has been saved by reducing the salaries and allowances of those who are in the Foreign Service?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Public exchequer has been what?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Saved.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: The public exchequer is perfectly safe. Nobody is attacking it.

SHRI B. GUPTA: I understand some of the officials abroad are given very high salaries and allowances and these I think, constitute a big drain on the public exchequer for a poor country like ours. Will the Prime Minister kindly tell us as to what he is doing to stop that drain on our wealth?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: The hon Member apparently has no knowledge that there is such a thing as Foreign Service in every independent country. Presumably he wants us to wind it up and become a subordinate country to some others. The Government do not approve of that. (Interruptions).

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: We do not want our country to be subordinate.

(Interruptions).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, order.

SHRI B. GUPTA: We do not like the High Commissioners of India to ride in Rolls Royce cars and spend so much money when the people in the country are starving

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Mr Chairman, I do submit that at question time the type of observations that have been made are highly improper. If they wish to put questions about the Foreign Service, let them

try to find out how foreign services in other countries are conducted. The question before us is how to spend more money and not less.

HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: I would like to submit.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is not a submission:

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: If the Prime Minister makes all kinds of remarks.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Prime Minister has said that our Foreign Service is the cheapest and, therefore, if anything the expenditure will have to be increased and not reduced. That is the statement which he has made. Whether it is comparatively cheaper or not, it is for him to say. (*Interruptions.*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: No more questions.

(*Interruptions*)

(*Several hon. Members rose to speak at this stage.*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, order. I have no doubt that it is the duty of every Member of this House, whether he belongs to the Government side or to the Opposition, to conduct the business of this House in a very dignified way. Mr. Mazumdar, next question.

SHIFTING OF E.C.A.F.E. HEADQUARTERS
TO NEW DELHI

*473. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 87, given in the House on the 3rd September 1953 and state what has been the result of the Indian invitation to the Economic Commission for Asia and Far East to shift its headquarters to New Delhi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): The Government of India invited the Economic Commission for Asia and Far East to transfer its temporary headquarters to India but New Delhi was not suggested for this purpose. Bangalore and Hyderabad were proposed as suitable sites and two United Nations Officials visited them to inspect conditions and facilities obtaining there. After exploring sites offered in various countries, the Secretary General of the United Nations decided to retain Bangkok as the working site of the ECAFE.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know, Sir, whether any member of the ECAFE was unwilling to have the headquarters shifted from Bangkok to India?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: The matter is entirely for the United Nations Secretary-General to decide.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Sir, I have not got the answer. My question was, 'Was any member of the ECAFE unwilling to move the headquarters to India?'

MR. CHAIRMAN: ECAFE is a composite body and Government do not know what opinions the members have entertained. The decision is that it should not be shifted from Bangkok to India.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Is it not a fact that the Government of the United States was not willing for the transfer of the headquarters from Bangkok?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is again going into the question of the composition of ECAFE.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Was there any inability on the part of the States to provide sufficient accommodation for the ECAFE?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: We do not know how the ECAFE came to this