

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Mass scale production has got to be inter-related only to the eating habits of the people. When we know that people will accept this as food, then alone will it be advisable to go in for mass production.

PROF. N. R. MALKANI: What is the production of synthetic rice at present?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Zero.

DR. P. C. MITRA: Which country invented this machine first?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: So far as we know

SHRI GULSHER AHMED: May I know how many times this question has been raised before this House and, secondly, is it the case now that we have not got sufficient rice in this country that people should worry so much about this synthetic rice?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA : I do not know the specific number of times the question has been put. I would require notice to answer that question but it is a fact that many times has this question been put and many times have I answered the questions, specifically mentioning the fact that this question of producing synthetic rice is not so much related" to the question of scarcity of food.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: Is it a fact that representations were made to the Minister that synthetic rice plant is available in India, that the machinery is available and that we need not go to foreign countries, and, if so, I would like to know whether the hon. Minister went through it and studied it thoroughly and before ordering abroad came to the conclusion that the machine was not available in this country.

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Information was given to us and the offer was made informally to us, but it was not considered advisable to accept the offer.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Is the hon. Minister aware that there is a rice called 'bamboo rice'?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I take the information from the hon. Member.

SHRI B. GUPTA: What is the amount that has been spent for carrying on this synthetic rice research?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I will require notice to answer that question. Not much money has been spent on this experiment.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: What is the nutritive value of this synthetic rice compared to the natural rice?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: According to the experts, the nutritive value of this rice will be at least as good as that of natural rice.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know. Sir, if there is any difference between the Indian and Japanese methods of synthetic rice production, and if there is any, which of the two is superior?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I am not aware of it.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Why don't you give up this synthetic rice business altogether and save the time of Parliament and the people engaged on its production as well as the money of the Government?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: We don't propose to do it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a suggestion for action.

NEW IDEAS AND INVENTIONS FOR THE MILITARY FROM PRIVATE SOURCES

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

(a) the number of new ideas and inventions received during the last three years at the Army Headquarters

from private individuals which were considered advantageous to the Defence Services; and

(b) the amount paid to any persons for these ideas and inventions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) and (b). No new ideas or inventions of importance were received in the Army Headquarters. Whenever any suggestions are made they are examined on merits and the question of giving a monetary award is also examined on merits.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: It is stated/in the Annual Report: "Suggestions, new ideas or inventions are also received at Army Headquarters from private individuals and they are given due consideration!" but the answer here/ says that such things were not received.

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: I have said, Sir, that no important ideas or inventions have been received. Certain suggestions were made from time to time. In fact we received about 18 suggestions, but they are not considered of much importance. They were found either impractical, or better equipment existed with us.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it a fact that the Technical Development Council made about 20 inventions last year?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: I will require notice for that.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know whether any steps are taken to encourage the individuals to offer new suggestions or inventions? If so, what are those steps?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Whenever any suggestions are received, they are examined very carefully. Recently we received a projector from one Mr. Wahid of Meerut. It is a very good attempt and we are considering what help can be given to him so that he can manufacture it. Though we are using better imported projectors,

this projector manufacture in the country is an attempt in the right direction, and we will try to encourage him.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know whether the employees of the Defence Department, whether in the ordnance factories or elsewhere, are encouraged to offer suggestions or inventions to the Army Headquarters?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: There is a regular department, the Technical Development Establishment. There are also scientific laboratories attached to Defence Science Organisation, and laboratories attached to factories. Certain suggestions have been received from individuals also. But this question relates only to non-officials making such suggestions.

SHRI B. GUPTA: Is it a fact that these inventions and ideas are forwarded to certain British concerns for consultation?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: No, Sir.

INCOME-TAX CASES

•73. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases so	far
disposed of by the Income-tax	In-
vestigation Commission since	1st
January 1954;	

(b) what is the amount of concealed income involved in these cases; and

(c) what is the number of cases referred to the Commission during the same period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI M. C. SHAH): (a) 21.

(b) Rs. 187 crores, approximately.

(c) 13 cases under section 5(4) which has since been declared invalid by the Supreme Court.