

the existing indefinite set of rules in regard to the administration of aid has led to a considerable amount of wastage of funds?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: I do not think so. Even though formal rules have not been in the field, there have been certain informal rules under which we have been working, and I cannot accept the statement of the hon. Member. No difficulty of the kind referred to by the hon. Member had been experienced.

INDIAN MISSIONS SENT ABROAD

*556. SHRI R. P. N. SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many delegations or cultural or goodwill missions have gone out to other countries from India since January 1, 1954;

(b) out of them, how many have visited the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and China; and

(c) what has been the total expenditure incurred on such delegations or cultural or goodwill missions and whether the whole of that expenditure has been borne by the Government of India?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU): (a) and (b). The number of official delegations sent abroad since the 1st of January 1954 is 109. Of these, 5 delegations went to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and 2 to China. So far as Government are aware, the number of non-official delegations that have visited foreign countries, this year, is 20. Of these, 7 went to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and 2 to China.

(c) The total expenditure either sanctioned or so far accounted for in Government books, on 100 delegations, is Rs. 11,43,709. I may add that when we talk of delegations, it often includes one single individual going abroad on some particular work.

SHRI R. P. N. SINHA: Who selects the personnel of these delegations?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: There are so many kinds of delegations. The personnel of the major delegations are selected by the Ministry concerned after inter-Ministerial meetings and finally the matter goes before the Cabinet.

SHRI A. S. RAJU: May I know whether these delegations are free in those countries from conducted and restricted tours?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: First of all, I must make it clear that delegations normally convey large groups of people, but most of these are odd individuals or two persons going for some specific purpose. The big delegations are those that go to the United Nations, the UNESCO, FAO, etc. They go for specific purposes. These delegations do not go just to tour about. They go for specific purposes to attend specific conferences; they do their work and then come back. The hon. Member probably refers to some delegations like goodwill visits. Normally they go there for a short period—ten or twelve days—which is a very heavily packed-up period. The hon. Member was speaking of conducted tours. So far as I know, there has been no restriction placed on them except the restriction of time.

श्री एन० एस० चौहान : क्या सरकार को पता है कि भारत से ऐसे कुछ डीलिंग्स भी गये हैं जिनका कि कुल खर्चा उन सरकारों ने उठाया है जिन्होंने उनको निमंत्रण दे कर बुलाया था ?

श्री जवाहर लाल नेहरू : जी हाँ, कुछ ऐसी खबर ताँ सुनने में आई है ।

श्री एन० एस० चौहान : क्या सरकार ने इस बात की भी जाँच की है कि उस डीलिंग्स को बुलाने का क्या मंशा था और उनसे और उनके भाषणों से जो कि उन्होंने लाँटकर दिये हैं, हमारे देश की राजनीति पर क्या असर पड़ा है ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : इसका जवाब देना जरा मुश्किल है, क्योंकि भाषणों से क्या असर पड़ता है यह उनकी हौसियत पर और उनके भाषण पर मुनहसिर है ।

SHRI S. MAHANTY: The question relates to delegations which have been qualified as cultural or goodwill missions but the answer given relates to delegations in general. May we know how many goodwill missions out of these 109 missions visited the foreign countries, with the break-up also?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I am sorry I cannot give that figure now. I have got all kinds of figures for each Ministry but I cannot separate them exactly on the lines the hon. Member suggests at present. But I would add that the so-called goodwill missions are very few. Out of the 109, possibly only 9, 10 or 12—I don't know.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: Is it a fact that these goodwill or cultural missions whatever they may be, are only confined to one or two countries and not all other countries of the world and if so, for what purpose?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: They are not confined to one or two countries. They have gone to quite a considerable number of countries. Certainly not to countries where normally other delegations are often going. A goodwill mission is usually sent to countries where, well, our normal contacts have not been great. Apart from these missions, hon. Members know, for instance, now the Chairman of this House is on a goodwill mission from our country to the countries of South America.

SHRI LALCHAND HIRACHAND DOSHI: What is the object of a goodwill mission?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: To create goodwill.

SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: May I know whether these commissions have submitted any reports to the Govern-

ment and if so, can they be placed on the Table of the House?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Is the hon. Member referring only to the goodwill missions or to the other delegations?

SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: The other delegations.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: The others are specific delegations for specific objects. Most of them go to conferences and submit reports about those conferences. They are considered confidential reports about the work of the members of the delegation or the work of the conference itself. They are not normally published and every commission and almost every delegation gives some kind of a report whether it is an informal one or a formal one.

FRENCH EXPERTS WORKING IN HINDUSTAN. SHIPYARD AT VISAKHAPATNAM

*557. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state the number of French experts who are at present working in the Hindustan Shipyard at Visakhapatnam?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION: (SHRI K. C. REDDY): Four.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: May I know whether with the arrival of the French experts the cost of production has increased in the Shipyard?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: The problem cannot be over simplified like that. It depends on the nature of the ship, its tonnage, the type and so on and so forth. It cannot be broadly stated that the cost has gone up because of the fact that the French experts have come or otherwise.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Is it not a fact that after the French experts have arrived, the cost of production has increased whereas the quality has deteriorated in the sense