

COUNCIL OF STATES

Tuesday, 4th May 1954

The Council met at a quarter past eight of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN

Shri Narendra Deva (Uttar Pradesh)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

*533. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by Government during the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 from American missionaries to enter India; and

(b) the number of such applications rejected by Government during the same period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): (a) 533 and 365, respectively.

(b) 55 and 54.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the total number of American missionaries in India at present?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: Sir, I haven't got the figures.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Are they more than they were before 1947?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: Yes, to some extent more, but I do not have the exact figure.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Sir, has it come to the notice of Government that a certain missionary working in the Bharat Sevak Samaj was found spying and she was later on arrested?

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DR. K. N. KATJU: Sir, I want notice.

DR. P. C. MITRA: What were the objects and purposes mentioned in their applications?

DR. K. N. KATJU: Sir, there are 533 applications and 533 different purposes have been mentioned. Each application contains a purpose; most of them state that they want to come for educational, medical or relief purposes, it is impossible to give a general answer.

DR. P. C. MITRA: If some of those applications were rejected, on what grounds did you reject them?

DR. K. N. KATJU: The grounds usually are that their services are not required or that they may not be necessary for the Indian interests—something like that.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Is it a fact that an enquiry committee was appointed to go into their activities?

DR. K. N. KATJU: I have read in the newspapers that the Madhya Pradesh Government have appointed such an enquiry committee.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: Is the propagation of religion one of the purposes mentioned in the applications?

DR. K. N. KATJU: Yes, sometimes.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: Is it not true that the right of propagating religion is limited to the citizens of India?

DR. K. N. KATJU: If they state that purpose it is to that extent an honest declaration of their object; whether we allow them here for that purpose or not is a different question altogether.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : ان لوگوں کو جو پاس پورٹ (passport) دئے جاتے ہیں اس کے لئے کچھ ٹرمس (terms) ہوتے ہیں کہ کس غرض سے یہاں آئے ہیں۔ اگر وہ یہاں آ کر ان ٹرمس کے خلاف کام کریں تو مجھے یہ پوچھنا ہے کہ کیا گورنمنٹ کے پاس کوئی