

leading scientists of the Commonwealth countries in this field to meet and discuss problems of common interest.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: May I know, Sir, why is it that this conference is confined to the scientists of the Commonwealth?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: This conference is confined to them because this is an old conference going on for that purpose. So far as we are concerned, we participate in this conference as well as in international conferences where other countries are also represented.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Was anybody invited to this conference from America or the U.S.S.R. or China?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: No. This conference, as its name implies, is a conference of the scientists from the Commonwealth countries. Observers may be invited from many others. It is not possible, in the present state of affairs to get what may be called, well, not very high secrets, but even moderate secrets from other countries.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Does it mean that we have invited the scientists from the Commonwealth because we are part and parcel of the Commonwealth and also that there is no harm in our secrets being known to other scientists of the Commonwealth?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: It is not a question of our inviting them. It is an organisation which has been subsisting for some years. It meets at various places. This year it is meeting in Delhi, certainly, at our invitation and they are holding the session here because it is to our advantage to learn about various developments which we have to learn from them; and as for others, we are in touch with many other countries and we try to exchange information so far as

it is practicable. And may I say, it is purely on the scientific level and it has nothing to do with anything else?

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Is it a fact that Dr. Solandt, the Canadian scientist who took part in the Monte Bello atomic bomb experiment is also going to participate in this conference?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I was not aware of it; but I hope he will be coming and his experience will be very valuable indeed.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: If he comes, will it be possible for Indian scientists to get the secrets of the atom bomb?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: No.

MYSORE STATE FORCES

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

(a.) whether it is a fact that under the integration of States Forces Scheme Government retired from service all the personnel of the former Mysore State Forces;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after they were so retired from service, some of them were taken back to service;

(c) whether the retired personnel were given to understand that they would get mustering concessions; and

(d) whether the said concession would extend to all the personnel who were so retired and are not in service?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA):

(a) No;

(b) There is no record of any retired personnel of Mysore State Forces having been taken back in the Army. As there was no ban on their reemployment, there may have been cases in which such personnel offered themselves for recruitment and were accepted;

(c) and (d). Mustering out concessions are admissible to all the personnel of the former Mysore State Forces required to retire on being found unsuitable for absorption into the Indian Army as a result of integration.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: If they are found fit for absorption only at a lower level, for example, if a major is asked to become a lieutenant and if he did not accept it, will the mustering concessions apply to him also?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: I couldn't quite follow the question.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: If they are retired, they get the mustering concessions. But suppose you think them fit for a lower post, lower than what they were holding, and they refuse to accept it, will the mustering concessions be given to them in that case also?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: Yes. As I have said, those who are not acceptable, they get the mustering out concession.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: They are acceptable for a lower grade and they do not want to come in that lower grade. Are mustering concessions given to them also? That is my point.

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: The position is this. Those who do not volunteer to serve in the Indian Army get their dues on the old States Force Regulation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question he puts is—supposing a major of the State Army is asked to take up the post of a lieutenant or a captain, and supposing he declines to do so, will he be given the mustering concessions?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: Yes.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Thank you very much.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will similar concessions be available to other State forces?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: Yes, all State forces.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

*44. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present strength of students in each of the sections of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur;

(b) what is the maximum strength fixed for that institution: and

(c) what is the duration of training in each section?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (c). A statement giving the required information has been laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, Annexure No. 17(a).]

(b) The maximum strength fixed for the institution is a total student body of 2,000.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: From the statement supplied, I find there are no students for agricultural engineering, architecture and town planning, naval architecture, geology and geophysics in the second year. What is the reason for that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: These subjects were started later.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: But there are no students in the second year.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, because they have just started.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: There are already students in the first year.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, there are; and next year they will be in the second year, and the year after in the third year.