

Pakistan Government is considering having the conference called again.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Heard from press reports ?

SHRI M. C. SHAH : No. A question was replied to in the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan very recently and there it is stated by the Minister of State for Finance that the question of holding a further conference to discuss the outstanding financial issues between India and Pakistan was under the consideration of the Government. And so I said that the Pakistan Government have said so.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : What will happen to this debt if there is no agreement arrived at between India and Pakistan because of the attitude of Pakistan ?

SHRI M. C. SHAH : Pardon ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : He asks, is it due to the general elections etc., or unwillingness of Pakistan ?

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Not only that, Sir. I want to know, what will happen to this debt if there is no agreement arrived at between Pakistan and India ?

SHRI M. C. SHAH : It is bound to be arrived at. We will arrive at some decision. They have already stated that they want to discuss the matter further.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : When will the next conference be held ?

(No answer.)

ARREST OF SOLDIERS

*108. SHRI K. C. GEORGE : (a) Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state whether Government are aware that in July-August, some soldiers of the Signal Training Centre in Jubbulpore Barracks were arrested and put in prison ?

(b) If the answer to part (a) be in the affirmative, what were the reasons for their arrest, how many were so arrested, and where are they at present ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA) : (a) and (b). Four soldiers of the Signals Training Centre were arrested in June 1952 for activities of a political nature. Action was taken against them under the Army Act and they were dismissed under Section 20 of that Act.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : May I know what is meant by "activities of a political nature" ?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA : The matter relates to army discipline and I will not be able to give more information than what is contained in my answer.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : Were they Congress activities in which they were taking part ?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA : That is not so.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : Communist activities ?

(No answer.)

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Is it to be concluded that if they had indulged in Congress activities they would not have been hauled up ?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA : Soldiers are not expected to take part in any political activity whatsoever.....

MR. CHAIRMAN : Whether Congress or anti-Congress.

Now, the question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CENTRAL SECRETARIAT REORGANISATION SCHEME

*105. BABU GOPINATH SINGH : (a) Will the Minister for HOME