

other proteins available in the market?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: We have not reached that stage. The question of commercial exploitation would arise only after we are satisfied that the quality which we can produce from these leaves would be good and there is a possibility of the consumers accepting it as a diet. Then only can we consider it but I am sure it would be much cheaper than the other proteins.

SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA: How long would it take for Government to come to a decision in regard to the three points just now mentioned by the Minister?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: Experiments have been going on in the laboratory, as I stated, for one year and we have made some progress. We are expediting it because we realise the importance of it. I cannot give the exact time because in science we cannot lay down any time limit within which experiments must produce results.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No further questions? I seem to have some time today. Mr. Mani is not interested, Mr. Gujral is not interested.

\*344. [The questioner (Shri Lildhar Barooah) was absent. For answer vide col. 1968 infra.]

#### CENTRE FOR TEACHING ASIAN AND AFRICAN LANGUAGES

\*345. SHRI M. AJMAL KHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state whether Government propose to open a centre for teaching modern West Asian and African languages in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): No, Sir. However, facilities for the study of some of the modern West Asian Languages exist in the University of Delhi, the Indian School of International Studies and the School of

Foreign Languages in Delhi. The University of Delhi has also a Department of African Studies, with provision for the teaching of Swahili language.

SHRI M. AJMAL KHAN: By modern, I meant the colloquial, the spoken language, the language spoken throughout West Asia and Iran which is quite different from that of 'Gulistan', 'Bostan' and Hamesah as the written Arabic from Morocco to Egypt is quite different from the Arabic spoken by the people. Unless we know the spoken language, we cannot establish contacts with the people. It is only the written language that is taught in India.

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: I entirely agree with my hon. friend that in order to establish contacts with the Middle East we should know the language that is spoken and not classical Persian or classical Arabic but as far as I understand, what is taught here is modern Persian and Arabic.

SHRI M. AJMAL KHAN: Modern Arabic is not taught here. By modern, I mean the spoken Arabic which is spoken in Saudi Arabia and Egypt. That is not the written language which is given in all magazines and newspapers.

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: My information is—and I will look into it again—that facilities exist for the study of modern Persian and Arabic in the University of Delhi and the School of Foreign Languages run by the Ministry of Defence. The Ministry of Defence runs this School in order to make it possible for those who go to the School to make contacts with the people of those countries. This is the whole object of the particular School.

SHRI M. AJMAL KHAN: I would like to point out that in the spoken language we say "ish" but in the written form we say "aiyu Shai-in". So, it is much different.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They might be teaching "ish".

SHRI M. AJMAL KHAN: It is not taught here.

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SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: Sir, when the Department of African Studies was started in the Delhi University, we were told that not only would it concentrate on some of the African languages but also would be the main fountainhead for the study of modern African History and literature. May I ask the Minister whether he is aware of the fact that the performance of this Department in the Delhi University has fallen very much short of expectation? If so, may I know the steps he is taking to bring it up to date?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: We are hoping, as we have established the Institute for Russian Studies, that when the Jawaharlal Nehru University comes up, we might establish an Institute of West Asian and African Languages. I might tell my hon. friend that apart from Swahili which is referred to in the answer, the University also proposes to introduce two more African languages, namely, Hausa and Mandi.

SHRI K. DAMODARAN: Just now the hon. Minister said that facilities exist in the Delhi University for the study of West Asian and African languages. May I know the number of students who are studying these languages?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: I have not got the figures now.

SHRI A. D. MANI: What is the extent of financial assistance given by Government or the University Grants Commission for the efforts made by the Delhi University for instituting these studies in foreign languages, particularly Asian and African languages?

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SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: My hon. friend forgets that Delhi being a Central University we bear all the expenditure.

SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA: Is the Government subsidising other Universities by way of financial help for imparting education in the languages?

SHRI M. C. CHAGLA: The University Grants Commission helps the Universities for specific projects. If a University comes forward with a project for the teaching of languages, I am sure the University Grants Commission will give it necessary assistance.

#### SEPARATE CADRE OF SERVICES FOR HIMACHAL PRADESH

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RAMAUL:†  
SHRI V. M. CHORDIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a resolution passed by the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha regarding creation of separate cadre of services for that Territory (Himachal Pradesh) has since been received by Government; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken or propose to take any decision in this respect.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision of the Government of India to form joint cadres for Delhi and Himachal Pradesh and other All India and Central service cadre/cadres was taken after very careful consideration and the ex-

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Shiva Nand Ramaul.