

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** It is not a question of placing the case. They are going into the feasibility of the Bokaro plant. There is no question of placing our case before them. They have to submit their report with regard to the feasibility of the Bokaro plant.

**Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:** May I know whether Government propose to have any heavy industries in the near future, like the steel plants?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** Where?

**Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:** And if so, where?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member wants to know 'where', and the hon. lady Member also wants to know 'where'.

**Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:** May I know whether it is proposed to have heavy industries, and if so, where?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** I would refer the hon. Member to the Third Plan document which gives an account of the heavy industries which would be coming up in the country.

#### Sangeet Natak Akademi

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98. { **Shri Indrajit Gupta:**  
**Shri Mohammad Elias:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri B. K. Das:**  
**Shri A. K. Gopalan:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the recent resignation of the Secretary of the Sangeet Natak Akademi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Secretary has complained of violation of assurances given to him at the time of his appointment; and

(c) whether Government have held a searching inquiry into the matter?

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun**

**Kabir):** (a) The Akademi found him unsuitable for the post of Secretary and offered him an alternative post on the same terms and conditions as that of the Secretary. He refused to accept the post and resigned.

(b) The Akademi has pointed out that there has been no violation of the terms and conditions of his appointment.

(c) This was not necessary.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Since this gentleman in question has spent the last sixteen years of his life in Paris, may I know why he was offered this job in the first place, without the Ministry being satisfied that he was suitable for it?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** The Ministry was not consulted when he was offered the appointment.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** May I know whether it is a fact that the offer for this appointment or invitation to this gentleman, which the hon. Minister said was not approved of by the Ministry, was issued by the Vice-Chancellor of the Akademi, who is an ex-ICS officer, who possibly does not know much about art or culture?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** The hon. Member has not interpreted me correctly. I did not say 'approval'. I said that we were not informed before the post was offered, but only after the post was offered. The matter was not initially referred to us because the Akademi held that they were competent to make the appointment without any reference, but the Ministry held that reference was necessary, and because the offer had been made, we did not disapprove of it.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** At least this part of my question may be answered. Who made the offer?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** The Akademi.

**Shri Thirumala Rao:** Has the attention of Government been drawn to a communication published in the press that communist minded persons controlling the organisation have made it hard for this gentleman to continue for long in that job? If the attention of Government has been drawn to it, what action has Government taken on it? Have they verified the truth of these allegations?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** This is the first time that I have heard about it.

**Shri Thirumala Rao:** I could not follow the answer.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is the first time that the Minister has heard of this accusation.

**Shri Thirumala Rao:** Is there any machinery with Government to understand what the press is publishing about its departments?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member wants an opinion about the information, and when he has not got it, he starts arguing.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Is it not a fact that this gentleman was appointed as secretary of this Akademi, and when he came he was offered a special this officer's job in the Akademi to work out plans? Was it because the Ministry did not approve of it or was it because the Ministry did not know of it that this man was invited all the way from Paris and then insulted and humiliated and turned out of office?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. All these inferences and arguments are not necessary. The answer has been given already that the Ministry was not consulted.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I submit that.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order.

**Shri Hem Barua:** On a point of information. The trouble is that this very fact has got very wide publicity.

**Mr. Speaker:** I know that, but the trouble is that the hon. Member puts

his question in such a manner that it is difficult to allow it to be answered.....

**Shri Hem Barua:** We have apprehensions that there is something rotten in the State of Denmark. That was why I wanted to know.

**Mr. Speaker:** It must be so. Sometimes, I might agree with the hon. Member. Now, Shri Joachim Alva.

**Shri Hem Barua:** The hon. Minister owes an explanation to this House.

**Mr. Speaker:** Now, I have called Shri Joachim Alva.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** Why are the affairs of this Akademi in such a bad condition? In the first place, we had a lady secretary who got into trouble; then, they wanted to appoint someone, and he was kicked off. May I know why Government cannot take a very serious view of the affairs of this Akademi in the sense of having an annual audit of accounts and appointing a very capable secretary who is *au fait* with cultural affairs?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is a suggestion for action.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** No, Sir. I wanted to know.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Now, next question.

#### Manufacture of Avro-748

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**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:**  
**Shri Raghunath Singh:**  
**Shri Basumatari:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the further progress that has been made with regard to manufacture of AVRO-748 in Kanpur;