

Diplomatic Assignment of Officials and non-Officials

*464. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) how many officials and non-officials have been sent abroad during the last two years on diplomatic assignment of (i) permanent nature and (ii) temporary nature; and

(b) whether services of M.Ps. have been utilised or are proposed to be utilised?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) 11 officials and 3 non-officials, 14 in all, were sent out from India as Heads of Missions during the last two years. Such assignments are normally made for a term of three years.

(b) Yes.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Is it a fact that the Government have been depending heavily on the services to draw for these diplomatic assignments and may I know whether they have found the non-official field barren and, if so, what have they done to discontinue this?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): It is very difficult to enter into this question of relative importance, but we have often been disappointed by people who are not trained—they are very good people—but this requires a particular training in languages and other things, in the history of the country to which they go; and the Foreign Service is built up to suit that purpose. Most other countries, those big countries, have almost given up employing non-service men which they did to begin with. Gradually by experience this has been more and more limited and only in a very few cases that is done. We have built up a foreign service; a trained service. I do not mean to

say that all of them are brilliant, but they keep a very high standard. Our foreign service has a high reputation in the diplomatic services of the world. When we employ the others, so-called non-service-men, even those non-service-men, usually, if they are continually employed, get the training and experience. But sending a person who has not got that training in languages and other things often creates difficulties.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Having found the non-official field barren, as confirmed by the Prime Minister, may I know whether during these 17 years, any positive effort has been made to develop the non-official personnel?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I do not quite understand how we develop a non-official person, unless by making him an official, giving him that training and putting him as a member of the service.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: May I know, in the higher echelons of our diplomats, I mean to say the Heads of Embassies and other Missions abroad, what is roughly, if not accurately, the proportion of service-men and non-service-men, and how does it compare with the position as regards Heads of Missions of other countries?

Shri Dinesh Singh: There are 36 official Heads of Missions and 13 non-official Heads of Missions.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: How does it compare with other countries?

Shri Dinesh Singh: They differ according to their custom, system, etc. But this is a good figure, if I may say so.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Has it not been the experience of Government that on many occasions, quite apart from the technical aspects of the work to be done by these diplomatic appointees, political aspects become very important and purely service personnel, however competent they might

be in languages, protocol and all that sort of thing, are not adequate to the situation?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: That has also been the Government's experience. Normally the regular Heads of Missions are helped by non-officials and others going from time to time. But about making them permanent Heads there, it is done sometimes; my colleague has just stated that there are 13 Heads of Missions who are non-service-men. But on the whole it has not been a very successful one.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: What has not been successful?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Sending out non-officials.

Shri R. S. Pandey: Apart from the assignment of officials and non-officials, may I know whether we have received so many invitations from different countries to send delegations, but we are not able to send them because of shortage of foreign exchange?

Mr. Speaker: That is quite a different thing.

AVRO-748

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{ **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
*465. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
{ **Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether any further progress has been made regarding manufacture of AVRO-748 in Kanpur; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) and (b). The first Kanpur built AVRO-748 (Sub-oto) which flew in November 1961, has done over 250 hours of flying. The second aircraft is expected to fly shortly. Work on the manufacture of the next five aircraft is in progress. I may add that the second aircraft has actually gone up in the air and has been there for 45 minutes; and, it has done successfully.

Shri P. C. Borooah: What is the foreign exchange component of this aircraft and how does it compare with the first aircraft?

Shri Raghuramaiah: We hope it will compare favourably.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know whether this has been produced as a result of collaboration with some foreign countries or the whole thing has been done on our own?

Shri Raghuramaiah: This is in collaboration with Messrs. Hawker, Siddeley Aviation, United Kingdom.

Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee: When the first model of this aircraft came out there were comments in a certain section of the Press saying that the performance was below the required standard. I would like to know whether in the second model any improvement has been made; if so, what?

Shri Raghuramaiah: I do not think it is quite correct to say that even the first model was below expectations. It has done very well and as well as could be expected. It has flown to many south-east Asian countries and has been greatly appreciated.

Shri P. C. Borooah: My question was about the foreign exchange content for this second aircraft as compared to the first one.

Shri Raghuramaiah: There is not much difference between the two.

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Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
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Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

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