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Monday, April 22, 1963/Vaisakha 2,
1885 (SAKA)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Central Workers' Education Board

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*966. { Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Labour and
Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether any changes have been
made in the composition of the Central
Workers Education Board; and

(b) the action taken on the decisions
taken by the Board at its last meeting?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry
of Labour and Employment and for
Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman):
(a) No.

(b) The last meeting of the Board
was held as recently as 21st March,
1963. A statement giving its decisions,
and the action taken on them is laid
on the Table of the House. [Placed in
the Library. See No. LT-1182/63.]

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know
why this Board has not been formed,
what are the main reasons and how
long it is going to take to finalise this
Board and to clarify its functions?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: There
are as many as 24 items. The Board
has taken a decision on many items.

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Action has been initiated on many
items and referred to the Central
Workers Education Board. It is not
as if the scheme is in abeyance. It is
functioning. They are increasing the
centres as also increasing the number
of trainees.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know
how many workers, according to the
initial plan, were to be trained during
the Third Five Year Plan, and how far
that plan has been implemented?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: About
47,000 have to be trained finally the
total will go up a lakh and odd. The
figures are: worker teachers trained in
1961-62—817, and it will be 974 in
1962-63. The workers trained in 1961-
62 were 15,445 and in 1962-63—27,744
It will bring a total of over 43,000.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: In view
of the magnitude of the problem,
would the Government say that the
performance that has been just now
told to the House is sufficient enough
to commend this work?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: No, Sir;
the pace has to be quickened, and we
are taking every step to quicken the
pace. But the real trouble is to get
worker teachers for these trainees.
The House will be interested to know
that some of these trainees, especially
in Hyderabad and Assam area and in
the coal areas have equipped them-
selves so creditably and they have
become trade union leaders them-
selves and have contributed so much
to the labour movement in India.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know
how far this workers' training has
proved popular in the organised indus-
try, and may I also know whether
facilities have been provided for get-
ting workers trained at the local level?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: So far as the language question is concerned, many pamphlets in different languages are issued, audio-visual aids are there and films are shown. The education is pervasive and comprehensive. So far as the trainees are concerned—I do not know whether the question was asked about allowances—an allowance of about Rs. 15 per month is given now just for training purposes.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know the number of worker teachers who have been trained and whose names were initiated by the central trade union organisation, and whether all of them have been provided with jobs

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: Some of them may not continue in the line for which they were trained. But, by and large, we find that most of them have continued and they have continued to be of help in the labour movement.

Shortage of Army Officers

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 { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
 { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
 { **Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:**
 { **Shri Onkarlal Berwa:**
 { **Shri Priya Gupta:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of Army Officers in the Army; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to make up the shortage?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir. This is due mainly to the new raisings and re-organisation of the Army recently sanctioned by Government.

(b) The following steps have been taken to fill the vacancies:—

- (1) Introduction of a scheme for the grant of Emergency Commissions.
- (2) Increase in the number of posts included in the Special List

Cadre which can be filled by experience and selected JCOs/NCOs.

(3) Recall of retired/released officers with reserve liability.

(4) Retention of re-employed officers beyond 55 years upto the age of 57 years if found suitable.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether it is a fact that with a view to meet the shortage of officers the training period in the Dehra Dun Military Academy as well as at Khadakvasala has been shortened?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Sir, the training period of both the IMA and the new Officers' Training Class has been reduced so as to complete the number of officers that is required for this year.

Shri Subodh Hansda: What is the number of people recruited for giving emergency commission and how far will they fill up the gap?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Till now, more than 4,000 people have been selected.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether any rule has been changed for giving quick promotions to other ranks to the officer grade?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Well, no rules of promotion have been changed.

श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : अभी हमारे देश के सामने जो संकट का समय है, और बराबर इस बात को दोहराया जाता है कि यह संकट लम्बे दिनों तक चल सकता है, उस को ध्यान में रखते हुए क्या सरकार ने कोई ऐसी लांग टर्म प्लान बनाई है जिस में अफसरों की कमी न हो ? यदि हां, तो उस के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे है ?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Well, the relationship of the officers to the general strength of the army has first to be decided. The number of officers that are being raised now are certainly sufficient to the new raisings that are intended.