

**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 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.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बरवा : में जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो इंडियन्स मिलिटरी का बना हुआ है लम्बाई, चौड़ाई और ऊंचाई का, क्या उस के अन्दर भी कुछ परिवर्तन किया गया है ?

श्री यशवन्त राव चव्हाण : नहीं ।

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know if the attention of the Government is drawn to a statement made recently at the Delhi University by the Special Officer of the External Affairs Ministry on defence matters, Shri Patnaik, to the effect that Chinese Generals are much better than our generals? If so, may I know whether any serious step has been taken to see or to train up our generals so that they might be on par with Chinese generals, as suggested by.....

**Shri Tyagi:** Where is that statement?

**Shri Hem Barua:** I have that statement with me. It has appeared in the *Statesman*.

**Mr. Speaker:** He is not asking a supplementary on this question but only introducing some name that he wanted to bring in.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Sir, may I submit that he is a Special Officer in the External Affairs Ministry?

**Mr. Speaker:** Whatever he might say, no preface or any inference is necessary. He can ask the simple question whether any steps are taken to improve the capacity or efficiency of our army officers.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Sir, would he please tell me in the light of what I have said whether any special steps have been taken to train up our generals?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Minister would reply, not in the light of what he said in the preface but ignoring that. He can say whether any special steps have been taken to improve the efficiency of our Generals.

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I think our Generals are already very experienced officers and professionally very competent Generals.

**Shri Tyagi:** Does the Defence Minister agree with that statement?

**Mr. Speaker:** I have already told him to ignore that.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Sir, this is a very important question.

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

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Arising from "Yes, Sir" in answer to part (a) of the question, what is the total number of officers in the armed forces who were captured by the Chinese? And do the released officers show any signs or indication of physical deterioration or mental indoctrination which might incapacitate them for service in the armed forces in future?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is not relevant.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** He said there is shortage.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is too wide of the mark.

**Shri Ranga:** Have any steps been taken so far to train the Himalayan ranks to enable them to be appointed as officers?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** Well, recruitment to the officer's rank is made from people all over the country, including people from the tribal areas who are qualified enough.

**Mr. Speaker:** The question was whether special steps have been taken to recruit those people from the Himalayan regions who are acclimatised to the weather to the ranks of officers.

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I was trying to say that, as far as other ranks are concerned, special efforts are being made to take people from those regions. But, as far as officers are concerned, I do not think any special

efforts could be made to recruit them region-wise.

**Shri Kapur Singh:** May I know if the selection is purely on individual merit basis? If so, what steps are taken to ensure freedom from regional and communal proclivities of the "Selectorate"?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I have already stated in my reply that the selections are certainly made on the basis of individual merit and no regional or communal considerations are taken into account.

**Shri Kapur Singh:** What about the proclivities of the "selectorate"? I know the principles are there. But what steps are taken to ensure freedom from the regional and communal proclivities of the "selectorate"?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** Very competent and impartial officers are appointed in the boards or committees to see that rules mentioned are properly followed and observed.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमन, अफसरों की कमी को दूर करने के लिए माननीय मंत्री जी ने जो उपाय बताए. उन में दूसरा उपाय यह है कि जे० सी० ब्रोड० और एन० सी० ब्रोड० को स्पेशल लिस्ट कैडर में रखा जायेगा में यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह सच है कि उन लोगों को पूरी तरह से पूरे रैंक या पूरे अधिकार का अफसर नहीं बनाया जा रहा है यदि हाँ, तो क्या इस पर पुनर्विचार किया जा सकेगा ?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I can certainly say that even those from the ranks of J.C.O.s and N.C.O.s are given opportunity. I find that the percentage of these people getting selection in the officer ranks has increased from 17 to nearly 24 per cent.

**Shri Tyagi:** In view of the fact that just now, on the floor of the House a speech was quoted in which our Generals were said.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order; I have not allowed it.

**Shri Tyagi:**...to be inferior to the Chinese Generals, I would like you to permit the hon. Defence Minister to contradict it. Because, it should not go un-contradicted.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have not taken notice of that portion of the question.

**Shri Hem Barua:** On a point of personal explanation, may I say, Sir...

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the personal explanation?

**Shri Hem Barua:** When I pointed out to the speech made by Shri Patnaik, Special officer, in the Delhi University, it seems—I may be wrong—you doubted my bonafides. Here is...

**Mr. Speaker:** I have assured so many times that I have no doubt about his bonafides. Shri A. P. Jain:

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I read out...

**Mr. Speaker:** I do not permit him to read it. Order, order.

**Shri A. P. Jain:** In view of the experience gained in the N.E.F.A. fighting where the proportion of casualties of officers is said to be high, has the Government examined the question of altering the proportion between officers and men?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I think I should say yes to this question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Don't you think that in the interests of the country this has to be contradicted by our Government? In the interests of our country—I do not have any personal prejudice against anybody. You will agree....

**Mr. Speaker:** When a thing has been brought unnecessarily and I have disallowed that portion of the question, why should any answer come from him?

**Shri Hem Barua:** This is a very dangerous statement.

**Mr. Speaker:** That may be a different thing altogether. I have not allowed it.

**Shri Tyagi:** May I request you, Sir, it should not be allowed to go into the proceedings. It is an insult to our Generals.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have disallowed it. That should be enough, I think.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Then it goes into the papers. The question should not be there.

**Shri Kapur Singh:** If I may make.. (*Interruption*).

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

**Shri Tyagi:** My only bother is, it should not go to the press. It is an aspersion on our Generals.

**Mr. Speaker:** I wonder what Shri Tyagi now gains by just saving it from going to the press. He is reading from the press. It is there. One man has made a statement and it has gone into the press already. I have not allowed it to be raised here. There is nothing more that I can do.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** The hon. Minister should contradict it. Let the Minister say that the Generals are good.

**Shri Kapur Singh:** Now that the matter has been mentioned and it has been aired on the floor of the House, where is the difficulty in the Defence Minister just saying that it is not true? Just two words.

**Shri Hem Barua:** This will affect the morale of our Generals.

**Mr. Speaker:** Not that statement, but the persistence of the Member again and again might just affect it. I feel that Members on all sides feeling like that, perhaps, might do.

Otherwise, it had nothing to do when I had disallowed it. Would the hon. Minister like to say anything?

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I think I did say that our Generals are experienced Generals and very competent professionally.

**Mr. Speaker:** They have been compared to the Chinese.

**Shri Y. B. Chavan:** I think these comparisons are very bad in taste.

#### Popularisation of Hindi Through A.I.R.

**\*968. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the measures being adopted by All India Radio to popularize Hindi in non-Hindi speaking areas?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Sham Nath):** Stations of All India Radio in non-Hindi speaking areas broadcast a large variety of Hindi programmes consisting of Talks, Plays and Music. Some of these Stations also broadcast programmes in Hindi for special audiences like women, children and industrial workers. They all relay Hindi news and some also relay the Hindi news-reels.

**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** May I know how many non-Hindi radio stations have stopped broadcasting Hindi news items since this programme was launched by the All India Radio?

**Shri Sham Nath:** I suppose the hon. Member is referring to the broadcasting of Hindi News bulletins. As far as non-Hindi stations are concerned, they relay one bulletin every day. In order that Hindi news may reach every listener, News Bulletins are included in the Vivid Bharati service also.