

Shrimati Alva: No, Sir. We give nothing directly to the parties. It is a problem that the State Governments undertake; and, we share 50—50.

Smuggling of Arms

*2031. **Shri V. C. Shukla:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some smuggled arms of foreign make have been recently captured from some dacoits in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to stop such smuggling of arms?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

I have received some information; but it is vague. They say that some arms have been discovered. We are pursuing the matter with the State Government. As soon as the information is available, we shall lay it on the Table.

Shri V. C. Shukla: I do suspect strongly that these brand new American weapons that have been captured in Madhya Pradesh have been some of the many that have been smuggled into India in order to disturb the law and order situation here. May I know if the Government is investigating this aspect of the question also?

Shri Datar: We shall convey the information to the State Government and call for full information.

Shri V. C. Shukla: May I know whether the dacoit menace in Madhya Pradesh has taken a very serious turn at this time? In view of this, are the Government considering any measures to help the State Government to check this menace?

Shri Datar: Whenever the State Government ask for help, we do give them.

Shri Raghunath Singh: What is the make of these arms? What is the country of origin?

Shri Datar: That itself is a matter on which the State Government will throw light.

Shri Raghunath Singh: But, you have got the arms. We want to know what is the make of those arms and what is the country of origin.

Shri Datar: All the information I have got is that arms of foreign make have been discovered. What this 'foreign' is, has to be made clear by the State Government.

Mr. Speaker: They have not yet been investigated; what is the good of pursuing this?

Shri Joachim Alva: Is Government aware that the late Brigadier Wingate practised his strategy in the gules of Madhya Pradesh before he took his Chindits to Burma? Is Government also aware that the jungles of Madhya Pradesh offer a suitable place for all these exploits?

Mr. Speaker: That is Geography.

सेठ गोविंद दास : प्रभु: मंत्री जी ने यह कहा कि ये बन्दूक और हथियार बाहर के बने हुए हैं। क्या इस बात का पता लगा है कि इन में से कुछ हथियार एक या दो, अमरीका के बने हुए हैं और वे ऐसे हथियार हैं जो अमरीका ने पाकिस्तान को दिये थे और वे वहाँ से इस क्षेत्र में पहुँचे?

Shri Datar: I should like to request the hon. Member to wait until I get the information from the State Government.

Kutab Minar

*2032. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri K. B. Malviya:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to

Starred Question No. 1080 on the 12th December, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the electrification of Kutab Minar has since been completed; and

(b) if so, the total cost thereof?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir, except for the top most balcony.

(b) Rs. 11,000 approximately.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know when this electrification will be completed?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I have already stated that it is complete except for the top most balcony.

Shri D. C. Sharma: That is the most necessary place. May I know when that will be completed?

Mr. Speaker: It can only proceed from the bottom.

Women's Education

*2033. { Shri Sanganna:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shrimati Manjula Devi:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the terms of reference of the Durgambai Deshmukh Committee appointed to go into the question of girls' education; and

(b) who are the members of the Committee?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 125.]

Shri Sanganna: May I know the background necessitating the creation of the Durgabai Deshmukh Committee?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The House is aware that there is a great leeway between boys' education and girls'

education and the panel of the Planning Commission made this recommendation. If the hon. Member would look at the terms of reference, I am sure, he would be convinced that there was need for appointing such a committee.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether the recommendations made by the Committee have been accepted by the Government of India?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The Committee has not yet started functioning; it has just been appointed.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know whether this committee is going round the country, both to urban as well as rural areas and whether a schedule has been drawn up already?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The Committee has not yet started functioning. I am quite sure that it would visit both rural and urban areas and would not confine its activities only to urban areas.

Shri Wodeyar: Since education is a State subject, what is the special reason to appoint this committee when already many committees have expressed their views about boys' and girls' education?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: In view of the Plan which has been drawn up and approved by Parliament, the Central Government is now assisting the State Governments for educational development. Therefore, this question is of vital interest to the Government.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if this committee will examine the case of girls' education from the primary stage up to the University stage or will confine itself only to some part of girls' education?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: It will examine mainly elementary education. But, it may make some reference to the education of adult women also. I would draw the attention of the hon. Member to the terms of reference which I have laid on the Table of the House.