

apprentices will be made, as it was done a year back?

Sardar Swaran Singh: No firm date has been fixed yet.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know how many of these trainees had completed their training and how many of them were absorbed and employed?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I have partially answered that point. They will be finishing the training on various dates. Most of them will now be practically finishing their three years' training, and as soon as they complete it and they are found to be satisfactory, the intention is to employ them on the steel plant. As the hon. Member is no doubt aware, no production has yet started, but they will be utilised and they will be associated with the construction stage.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether those who have completed their course have been found suitable for being sent abroad for further training?

Sardar Swaran Singh: No, Sir. There is no proposal at the moment to send these people abroad. They have already finished their training, and in any future programme, if they fit in with some other training programme, only then they will be considered for being sent abroad.

Indo-Pak Canal Waters Dispute

S.N.Q.
No. 16.

Shri N. E. Munisamy:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri Hem Barua:
Sardar Amar Singh Saigal:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Pakistan has rejected the proposal of Mr. W.A.B. Iliff, World Bank Vice-President, with regard to the distribution of waters in the Indus system; and

(b) if so, what are the reactions of the Government of India?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Government have seen some vague press reports to this effect emanating from Karachi. They have no other information.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri N. E. Munisamy: May I know whether it is a fact that in the last proposal they suggested a ministerial level conference to be held somewhere away from this sub-continent and, if so, what is the reaction of the Government to that suggestion?

Shri S. K. Patil: There was not a regular proposal. If everything has gone on well, then the international treaty can only be had that way.

Shri N. E. Munisamy: May I know whether it is a fact that on the rejection by Pakistan, they have presented certain plans and in pursuance of those plans they have sent engineers to Washington already for discussion of their plans, and if so, what is the reaction of the Government to those proposals which are a complete departure from the 1954 proposals?

Shri S. K. Patil: We do not form any reaction to any vague information. We have not got any positive information on that.

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know whether, in view of the rejection of the Iliff proposal, the Government still contemplate to have an *ad hoc* agreement with the Pakistan authorities?

Shri S. K. Patil: The hon. Member assumes that something has been rejected formally. We have no information, and so far as these *ad hoc* arrangements are concerned they have lapsed long back. What we are doing is to utilise the good offices of the World Bank and there is no time-limit for it.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: May I know what the proposals of Mr. Iliff are,

which are said to have been rejected by Pakistan, and what is the reaction of this Government to those proposals?

Shri S. K. Patil: I am not in a very privileged position to know that—what proposals were made to Pakistan. They have made no proposal to us in any formal manner. It was just trying to speak in an impersonal, informal manner, which they must have done to Pakistan. But it is not wise to say anything on proposals which have not been formally made.

Shri C. E. Pattabhi Raman: In view of the fact that two teams—Indian and Pakistan teams—are functioning in Washington all the time, for nearly two years, will the Government consider the desirability of calling them nearer home to save foreign exchange?

Shri S. K. Patil: Quite a bit of it has been withdrawn. There is some skeleton staff that has been kept there. It has got to be kept so long as the World Bank continues to give its good offices.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know if the World Bank has kept our Government informed about certain proposals made by Pakistan on the basis of which two Pakistani engineers are at present having a series of talks with the World Bank at Washington?

Shri S. K. Patil: Surely, if the proposal is made to Pakistan, the World Bank will keep us informed, but up to this minute I have learnt nothing from the World Bank on this subject.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether the Government have contacted the World Bank on this subject in the meanwhile?

Shri S. K. Patil: It is none of our business to contact the World Bank on certain things which appear in the Press.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Development of Technical Education in India

*1267. **Shri D. C. Sharma:**

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

(a) whether the proposals for the expansion and development of technical education in India under the T.C.M. (Point Four Programme) have been finalised for the year 1958-59; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) The details are still being worked out.

सोने का तस्कर व्यापार

१२८६. श्री म० ल० द्विवेदी :
क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सीमा-शुल्क विभाग के पदाधिकारियों ने आई० एन० एस० "मगर" नामक जहाज से, अक्टूबर, १९५७ में जहाज के बम्बई पहुंचने पर, चोरी से लाई हुई वस्तुयें जैसे सोना, कपड़े, रेडियो और अन्य विलासितापूर्ण वस्तुयें पकड़ी थीं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस किस मूल्य की कितनी वस्तुयें पकड़ी गईं ;

(ग) ये वस्तुयें कितने पदाधिकारियों और अन्य व्यक्तियों से पकड़ी गयीं; और

(घ) उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

प्रतिरक्षा उपमंत्री (श्री रघुरत्नबा) :

(क) कुछ सामान पकड़े गये थे जिन्हें