

with the United Kingdom and other countries of Europe; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of the agreements?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) and (b). A statement giving the position is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 77].

Odissi Dance

*95. { Shri Jaganatha Rao:
Shri Sanganna:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1749 on the 18th April, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the Press statement issued by the Sangeet Natak Akadami that 'Odissi dance' is not recognised as one of the classical dances of India; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, but the said Press note is not inconsistent with my reply. In my reply I had said that the Akadami has recognised the Odissi system of dance and made grants for its promotion and development, while the Press note drew attention to the fact that the Akadami has not yet recognised it as a classical dance form.

Arrest of Customs Preventive Officer

*96. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a Customs Preventive Officer was arrested on the 4th July, 1958 in Bombay on a charge of helping a man to smuggle from a ship 97 bars of gold worth about Rs. 125,000?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): Yes, Sir. The facts are generally as stated by the Honourable Member except that the

quantity and value of gold were 99 bars and Rs. 1,74,240 respectively.

Manufacture of Vitamin 'C' in India

*97. **Shri Assar:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Chemical Laboratory of Poona has worked out a new method of preparing Vitamin 'C' in India;

(b) if so, whether that Vitamin 'C' is as perfect as British and American productions;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering any scheme to produce Vitamin 'C' on a large scale by this method; and

(d) if so, the nature of the scheme?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) The National Chemical Laboratory has worked out laboratory and chemical engineering details for the manufacture of Vitamin 'C' by a method based on a known process.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) and (d) Offers received from firms interested in undertaking the commercial development of the process are under consideration of the National Research Development Corporation.

कारतूस

*९८ श्री मोहन स्वरूप . क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कारतूसों की कीमत १०० रुपये की सैकड़ा तक हो गयी है और इस पर भी ये काफी मात्रा में नहीं मिल रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बातार) : (क) सरकार के पास इसकी कोई सूचना नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।