

the experiment proved a thorough success and that is the reason why they have pursued the matter and in co-operation with the Ministry of Community Development, it has now been decided to have it in every State.

**Shri Ranga:** Has any effort been made to organise, as in Canada, farm forum radio clubs of those people who would be listening in, and then distributing among them scripts giving an outline of the subject that is going to be discussed and so on?

**Dr. Keshar:** I would not be able to say exactly whether clubs on the lines mentioned by the hon Member are being run, but the area where the farm forum programme was carried out in Poona is being continued. The farmers like it so much that we felt it would be a pity to stop it. It is being continued there. I will enquire and find out whether clubs on the lines suggested are being maintained there.

#### N.E.F.A.

\*747. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken during the First Five-Year Plan to preserve the unique cultural and social pattern of the tribal people in the North East Frontier Agency areas, and

(b) how far the qualified tribal personnel have been drawn into the administration?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika):** (a) One of the primary objects of the development plans for NEFA is to preserve the cultural and the social pattern of the tribal people and to encourage them to develop according to their genius. To achieve this objective, the following steps were taken during the period of the First Five Year Plan:

- (i) As far as possible, local tribal dialects were used as the medium of instruction in schools.

(ii) Text books were prepared in tribal dialects. These text books included subjects such as the geography of tribal areas, their history, their folklore and songs.

(iii) Encouragement was given to the celebration of the tribal festivals, while tribal songs, dances and games formed a part of the curriculum of the schools.

(iv) Schemes were introduced for the training of tribal people in their own arts and crafts.

(v) A NEFA museum was established to stimulate pride in tribal art and culture to promote its development.

(b) Qualified tribal personnel in the NEFA are being appointed in the different branches of the Administration and at different levels according to their suitability and availability. In all appointments, efforts are made to give preference to the NEFA tribals.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know how many persons were recruited under the Indian Frontier Administrative Service and whether they have any acquaintance with the tribal languages that are prevalent in NEFA?

**Shri J. N. Hazarika:** So far as my information goes, no tribal has been appointed to the Indian Frontier Administrative Service, and those who have been appointed to the service from outside are learning the tribal dialects and languages and their customs etc.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** Last year a party of tribal representatives was invited to the Republic Day Demonstrations in Delhi. May I know whether it is a solitary feature or whether they will be invited every year to show their feats?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** It was not last year only. I

believe every year since these functions were started on the Republic Day, a contingent has come from the NEFA.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Besides exhibiting these tribal cultural items as museum pieces during the Republic Day celebrations, do Government propose to institute Folk Art Museums in those areas and encourage cultural exchanges between the plains and the Hills and adopt other measures so that this culture is not destroyed by the automobile civilisation of the plains?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I do not know what the hon Member means by museum pieces. A museum piece is something which is dead and gone. There is more life in these things than in most other things that I see in India. They are vitally living full of exuberance and it has been one of the amazing things in India in the last 5 or 6 years. The revival of folk art, folk dancing, folk singing is one of the most promising features. Who would put folk dancing in a museum I do not know, maybe somewhere, or folk dancing. The hon Member is probably thinking of some limited form or maybe of something which may be exhibited. It is not a matter for a museum.

The hon Member also said something about cultural exchanges between the plains and the hills. One of the major exchanges is that they are coming here to Delhi. They have this experience. But I am rather anxious, if I may say so with all humility, to avoid cultural exchanges between the plains and the hills. My reason is that certainly the hill people suffer by that exchange, normally, not always. Because the plains people take their mill economy there with their culture they take various other things and they replace the too fine artistic woven products there with some cheap mill-made goods and very cheap things, and spoil the whole artistic background and the handicrafts of these people.

**Shri Hem Barua:** When I said museum pieces, I meant that the attitude is like that. We want to preserve

them like that. These people are invited to the Republic Day Celebrations and they are demonstrated here. But I want those items to be preserved and enriched by co-operation and encouragement. That is what I meant.

**Mr Speaker:** There has been a tendency to utilise the Question Hour for the purpose of expressions of opinion or condemnation of the activities of Government. Hon Members can choose suitable opportunities. There are many opportunities when Government action can be criticised. I was also thinking of asking the hon Member to withdraw the expression 'museum pieces'. It is a bad reflection. During Question Hour hon Members ought not to use their opportunities for making such remarks or comments against Government. They have many opportunities for that. But here they must only elicit facts. They may not even give suggestions. It is not the occasion for giving suggestions. Therefore, I will strictly enforce hereafter the principle that only single questions with very few words confined to eliciting facts—not even giving opinions or suggestions—will be allowed on the floor of the House. No suggestions for changing the policy and all that can be made.

**Shri Mahanty:** May I know whether it is a fact that a UK-born anthropologist, Dr Verrier Elwin, is associated with the NEFA Administration so far as this cultural anthropology is concerned? If so, may I know if there is a paucity of Indian anthropologists in this country to fulfil that role?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Prof Elwin is associated and is likely to continue to be associated. We have Indian anthropologists in various places. I do not know what the questioner means. Is it an objection to Dr. Elwin because he is a non-Indian? We do not accept that also.

**Shri Ranga:** He is an Indian; he has married a tribal lady.

**Shri Jaipal Singh:** Dr. Elwin is now an Indian. My question is, is the special officer who is otherwise designated as the Special Commissioner for the Scheduled Castes in any way associated with what is happening with the programme in NEFA, either enriching the NEFA administration or he being enriched by the NEFA administration?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Inevitably he is associated. I could not give details. As a matter of fact, the Chief representative, No. 2 there, is a tribal gentleman who represents him there and works with the tribes and they have got institutions, schools etc. So, they must come into intimate contact.

#### **Export of Indian Diesel Engines and Power Driven Pumps**

\*748. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to build any export markets for Indian diesel engines and power-driven pumps; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):**  
(a) Yes, Sir

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix II, annexure No 112]

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know whether the production of power-driven pumps is enough to meet our requirements at an economic price?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** Production of certain types is more than the requirements in the country and there is export also

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** What is the reply to the later part of my question? Whether the power-driven pumps are available at economic prices to the cultivator?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** I could not catch the last words. To the cultivator?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** What is it meant for them?

**Shri Ranga:** Is the price within the reach of the peasant?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** The prices are quite competitive with the foreign pumps.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** What is the price of a pumping set?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** The pumping sets vary enormously in sizes. One may be driven by a 3 h.p. engine and another by a 40 h.p. engine.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** He can give an idea.

**Mr. Speaker:** For both?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** He says that the prices vary with the different types. What is the price of 3 hp set and what is the price of 5 hp set?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** We are at present concerned with exports only.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Unless and until it is available in the country to meet the requirements of the people, what is the use of exporting it?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai):** For export also it is manufactured inside the country. It is not that we are stunting the country and exporting outside. It is necessary at times also to send our goods outside even with some difficulty. Moreover, it helps us to send our commodities outside and to make them better here

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** I wanted the price of any one of the pumps.

**Shri Morarji Desai:** If a separate question is tabled, all prices will be given.