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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

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*The House met at a Quarter to Eleven
of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

REGULAR RESERVE OF OFFICERS

*500. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India decided to constitute a regular reserve of officers; and

(b) if so, whether the detailed terms and conditions of service applicable to members of the reserve have been finalised?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Yes.

(b) These are being formulated.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What is the specific purpose of this reserve?

Sardar Majithia: It is quite obvious, Sir.

Sardar Hukam Singh: It is not quite so obvious to me. That is why I wanted to know.

Mr. Speaker: He has paraphrased in this way the usual answer that he cannot disclose it in the public interest.

Sardar Hukam Singh: If he had said so, it would perhaps have satisfied me.

Now, may I know what would be the strength of this reserve?

Sardar Majithia: It is not in the public interest to disclose it.
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Sardar Hukam Singh: Would the case of officers demobilised as a result of the integration of the States be taken into consideration when this reserve is constituted?

Sardar Majithia: They will be considered, provided they are suitable.

Shri B. S. Murthy: When do Government expect to finalise this matter?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Next question.

TINNED FOODSTUFFS FOR DEFENCE SERVICES

*501. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether any tinned foodstuffs for the requirements of the Defence Services had to be imported during the year 1951-52?

(b) If so, what were the items imported and the amount of foreign currency spent thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Milk-tinned, skimmed milk powder and hops, valued at £5,87,658, were imported during this year.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What was the total number of items imported during the year?

Sardar Majithia: I have already mentioned it and for the information of the hon. Member, I shall repeat it. The items are: milk-tinned, skimmed milk powder, and hops.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Were any items imported during 1950-51 and as far as 1951-52 is concerned is it a fact that there is no need to import these items?

Sardar Majithia: No, Sir. Only items necessary were imported.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Are Government making any attempts to see that all our requirements are met from indigenous sources?