

- (2) Daw Than Than Nwai.
- (3) Daw Kla Kyi.
- (4) Daw Than Than.
- (5) Daw Mya Mya Hmaw.

Indonesia:

- (1) Mrs. S. Kartowijono.
- (2) Mrs. E. Puradiredja.
- (3) Mrs. Memet Tanumidjaja.
- (4) Miss H. Tumbelaka Johanna Maria.
- (5) Miss Soeitinah.

Laos:

- (1) Mon. Tay Keoulouanghakhot.
- (2) Mon. Quinim Pholsena.

Pakistan:

- (1) Begum Khudeja G. A. Khan.
- (2) Mrs. Akhtar Imam.

Thailand:

- (1) Miss Sermsri Kasemsri.
- (c) The following constituted the Indian Delegation:—
 - (1) Mrs. Hannah Sen.
 - (2) Begum Hamid Ali.
 - (3) Mrs. Mona Hensman.
 - (4) Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya.
 - (5) Mrs. Leela Roy.
- (d) The Seminar made no recommendations, it being purely an exploratory Conference.
- (e) Does not arise.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know on what basis were these delegates invited to the conference? Were they the delegates of Governments or were they representatives of certain organisations?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Various women's and social science organisations were invited to send a panel of names to the Government and out of these panels a number of representatives were selected by the Minister for Education.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know who were the organizations approached in India for sending delegates.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There are several.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: Among them, were any representatives called for from working class women or from amongst the peasants' women's organisations?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am not aware of any such organisation.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know what was the aim of this Seminar?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The aim of this Seminar was to make a sociological study of the problems involved in the admission of women to the exercise of political rights.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know, since this conference was an exploratory one as has been said in the statement what were the factors that were explored which led to the conclusion that though women everywhere evinced considerable interest in political activities, the extent to which they actually participated varied?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: As the hon. Member has said, this conference was of an exploratory nature. Certain subjects were discussed in this conference, such as the social and cultural factors, religion, family, caste, etc., the position of women in different social stratifications and occupations, of the political rights of women, the legal position and political rights, women's movements, and a survey of the role of women in the elections in some countries of the region. All these subjects were discussed and no decisions were taken. Only a certain procedure and subject have been agreed upon, and based on these procedure and subjects further discussions will take place at a suitable time.

Several Hon. Members: rise—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I am not going to spend a whole hour on this single question. Next question.

OFFICERS DEPUTED OVERSEAS

***397. Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** (a) Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state how many officers of his Ministry, other than the Secretary, were deputed overseas during the year 1952?

(b) What was the purpose of the visit of each of them and to which countries did each go?

(c) How far was their commission successful?

(d) What was the expenditure incurred on each?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Three.

(b) To attend the initial meeting of the Indus Basin Working Party in Washington. They visited the U.S.A. only.

(c) An outline of programme of studies was agreed upon which would culminate in the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the development of the waters of the Indus Basin, taken as a unit, for benefit of both India and Pakistan.

(d) Rs. 10,144/13/-, Rs. 10,219/3/- and Rs. 9,624/5/-.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May I know whether there were also persons attending from Pakistan?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir, in this working party an Engineer from Pakistan was also represented.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Has the Secretary been going each year since 1947?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The Secretary is not mentioned in this delegation.

Sardar Hukam Singh: I agree the question is whether persons other than the Secretary were deputed overseas. But I want to know whether it is a fact that the Secretary has been going out every year since 1948?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The Secretary may have been going out and is going out whenever Government consider that there is something urgent for him to do abroad.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether the Government considered it advisable to send him every year since 1948?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. The hon. Member is going away from the question. The question relates to officers other than the Secretary. He has no information on that. You cannot take him by surprise. Next question.

SCIENTIFIC LIAISON OFFICER IN U. K.

*398. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:**
(a) Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state what is the purpose of maintaining a Scientific Liaison Officer in U.K.?

(b) What are his salary and allowances?

(c) In which other countries do we maintain such Liaison Officers?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). A

statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 35.]

(c) Scientific Liaison Offices are not maintained in any other country.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: After reading the statement I find that many of the jobs which ought to have been done by this Indian Scientific Liaison Officer are again being redone. What is the reason why the Secretary has been sent abroad. I would like to know why this was necessary. Is it because this Liaison Officer is unable to do his job or for any other reason?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The I.S.L.O. as we call him has definitely assigned jobs and so the Secretary has not much to do with those specific jobs for which I.S.L.O. has been deputed there. The Secretary may have gone there for some other work and as such may have helped in giving advice on general matters including those that have to be undertaken by I.S.L.O.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: It says over here that he has visited laboratories, research institutes, research departments of universities in the U.K., Europe and U.S.A. May we know what are the countries in Europe which this officer has visited during the last two years?

Shri K. D. Malaviya. For a portion in the last two years the post was not filled. The new officer has taken up his duties only on the 19th February, last month. Previous to that, he had held the post in 1950 and 1951, and early 1952.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या इस तरह के किसी अफसर को पथक रूप से अमरीका में नियुक्त करने का विचार किया जा रहा है ?

श्री को० जी० मालवीय : जी हाँ, यह जरूरी है, क्योंकि वहाँ भी इस प्रकार के अफसर की नियुक्ति की आवश्यकता सरकार सपन्नती है, लेकिन आर्थिक कारणों से गवर्नमेंट ने मुनासिब नहीं सपन्न कि उस की इनी समय नियुक्ति कर दी जाय, लेकिन जैसे ही सुविधा समझी जायगी, उसको नियुक्त करने का विचार है।