

(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 अन्तर को पथक रूप से अमरीका में नियुक्त करने का विचार किया जा रहा है?

धी के० डॉ० मालवीय : जी हाँ, यह चल रही है, क्योंकि वहाँ भी इस प्रकार के बफलर की नियुक्ति की आवश्यकता सरकार समझती है, लेकिन आधिक कारणों से गवर्नरेंट ने मुनासिब नहीं सपझ कि उस की इनी समझ नियुक्त कर दी जाय, लेकिन जैसे ही सुविधा समझी जायगी, उसको नियुक्त करने का विचार है।

सेठ गोविन्द दास: अन्-रीका में ऐसे अफसर की नियुक्ति करने में कितना प्रतिबंध सर्व पड़ेगा ?

श्री कौ. डॉ. मालवीय: इस का अनुमान तो मैं इस समय नहीं दे सकता।

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: In the Secretary's tours we find that he has gone to study the working of this Indian Scientific Liaison office in 1949. Again, he has gone in 1950. In 1950, he has made certain recommendations about this office. May we know exactly what the nature of these recommendations is?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is not part of the this question.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: That is, because the question deals with Liaison officer and Liaison office.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member is asking about the Secretary. Why should there be over-lapping?

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: There is no overlapping. I asked, what are the recommendations of the Secretary on two successive visits to England regarding this particular office and officer.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is not part of the question here. The question is, what is the purpose of maintaining a Scientific Liaison Officer in U.K.: what are his salary and allowances; in which other countries do we maintain such Liaison officers? If there is a report dealing with all these, not once but twice, and the contents of that report are required, another part dealing with the report might have been added or a separate question might have been put. How can the Ministers be expected to carry all this information in their head? Next question.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: If you say that this is widening the scope of the question, I shall ask another question. Sir. During the whole period that we have had this officer, may we know whether he has tried to obtain any information regarding new methods in plant genetics called the Lysenko method?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He has been absent except from February.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: During 1950 he has been there.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: This specific information I will not be able to give just now. If the hon. Member is interested, she may table another question.

AIR ARM WING OF INDIAN NAVY

*399. **Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air Arm Wing of the Indian Navy has come into existence;

(b) whether India is having enough naval officers and men to man the aircraft of the Indian Navy; and

(c) whether any naval air stations exist in the country for operating the naval aircrafts?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) to (c). Yes. In this connection I would invite the hon. Member's attention to the answer to Shri B. S. Murthy's Starred Question No. 1197 given in the House on the 16th December 1952.

Dr. Ram Subbag Singh: What is the present strength of aircraft in this aviation wing of the Indian Navy?

Shri Satish Chandra: We are initially getting 10 Sea-land amphibian aircraft out of which one has already been received. The rest will arrive at intervals of a fortnight and we hope that the delivery will be completed by mid July.

Shri Jaipal Singh: May we know why all the naval airmen were trained in India and U.K. also in numbers exceeding their present requirements in fighter aircraft and why Sealand have bought. Sealand being essentially a communication aircraft?

Shri Satish Chandra: Sealand apart from being a communication aircraft is also a training aircraft. No further training could be possible without obtaining Sealand. We are proposing to get fighter aircraft as and when finances permit and aircraft are available.

Shri N. Sreekanth Nair: May I know whether we intend to train naval officers for this piloting business or borrow them from the Air Force?

Shri Satish Chandra: They will all be naval personnel. Naval Air-crew is being trained for this purpose.

Shri Jaipal Singh: In a recent statement of the Minister and Special Adviser to our High Commissioner in