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The House met at Two of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SURVEY

*624. **Shrimati Benu Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether an anthropological survey of personnel of the Army was recently undertaken at Delhi;

(b) if so, by whom and for what purposes;

(c) what have been the results of the survey; and

(d) what was the total expenditure of the survey?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) No. But an Anthropometric Survey is now in progress. Part of the field work was carried out at Delhi.

(b) The Anthropometric Survey is being carried out by the Army Statistical Organisation to collect data for evolving suitable size rolls for uniforms of Army personnel.

(c) The results of the Survey will be available only after that data is collected, and analysed.

(d) The total expenditure on the Survey has been about Rs. 4,000 so far.

Shrimati Benu Chakravarty: May we know, Sir, if this collection of data has anything to do with the categorisation of the army personnel in India into martial and non-martial races?

Sardar Majithia: No, Sir. It has nothing to do with it.

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INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON GANDHIAN IDEOLOGY AND TECHNIQUE

*626. **Shri A. C. Guha:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International Seminar on Gandhian ideology and technique was held in Delhi in January, 1953;

(b) if so, the persons who attended it from abroad; and

(c) whether the proceedings of the Seminar would be published?

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

(b) The following persons attended from abroad:—

1. Lord Boyd Orr (U.K.).
2. Dr. Ralph Bunche (U.S.A.).
3. Madame Cecilia Meireles (Brazil)
4. Mr. Yusuke Tsurumi (Japan)
5. Prof. G. Tucci (Italy)
6. Dr. Mohd. Hussein Haikal (Egypt)
7. Prof. Dr. Matine Daffary (India)
8. Pastor D. Martin Niemöller (Germany)
9. Prof. L. Massignon (France)

(c) Yes.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know, Sir, if there is going to be any permanent body for the propagation of Gandhian ideology?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There is no proposal as yet before Government for any permanent body.

Shri A. C. Guha: Have the Government any idea as to the implementation of these discussions or any recommendations received from them?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir. This Seminar took the form of a round table discussion and the participants were agreed that only by the application of

Gandhian principles can world peace be preserved and national and international tensions resolved. As a result of these recommendations, it was also decided to publish a small brochure embodying the major recommendations and conclusions of this Seminar. Besides this, as desired by the President, it has also been decided to publish a verbatim report of the discussions that took place in the Seminar.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know, Sir, if the Government have got any idea of following up this—that only through Gandhian ideology can world peace be maintained?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is all argument.

Shri A. C. Guha: Have the Government any idea of taking this thing on to the international plane?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: That is a suggestion, Sir, and the Government cannot express any opinion on that beyond what they have done so far.

Shri N. M. Lingam: Who sponsored this Seminar and what is the expenditure involved in connection with it?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The Education Ministry sponsored the Seminar. As to the expenditure involved, I will require notice.

Shri C. D. Pande: May I know if the representatives like Lord Boyd Orr and Dr. Ralph Bunche had any national status or they came as individuals to this Seminar?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: They attended the Seminar as individuals.

Shri C. D. Pande: Do the decisions of the Seminar apply to their countries?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I cannot express any opinion on that.

Shri B. Das: They have international status.

Dr. M. M. Das: In view of the fact that the other day the Acting Leader of the Communist Party in this House addressed Gandhiji as "their leader", may I know whether any representatives from the countries professing Communist ideology attended this Seminar?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Unfortunately, no representative from the U.S.S.R. could attend this Seminar.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know, Sir, how these representatives were selected—whether any national body in those countries selected them or some international body or they selected themselves?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Sir, the Government invited certain countries like U.K., U.S.A., France and other countries, and these gentlemen attended this Seminar in their individual capacity from the countries invited.

FACILITIES TO SETTLE IN ANDAMANS

***627. Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give facilities to those who desire to go from India and settle in the Andamans; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the specific facilities and concessions which Government have decided to grant to these persons?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). The Government of India have sanctioned a scheme for settlement of some 4,000 families of Indian peasants in the Andamans during the next five years. Each family, selected for settlement under this scheme, will be given the following concessions:—

- (i) Allotment of 5 acres of cleared land for paddy cultivation.
- (ii) Allotment of another 5 acres of (uncleared) hilly land to be utilised for building a hutment, for growing any fruit and vegetables and as pasture for cattle.
- (ii) Grant of recoverable loan of Rs. 2,000 to meet expenditure on passage from the mainland of India to the Andamans, construction of a hutment, purchase of bullocks, agricultural implements, seeds and manure, and maintenance till the first crop is harvested.
- (iv) Remission of land revenue during the 5-year period of the working of the scheme.

Shri Dabhi: May I know, Sir, the acreage of cultivable as well as uncultivable waste land in these islands and the kinds of crop for which these lands are suitable?