

(b) What are the causes for the fall in number, if any?

(c) What steps have Government taken so far to make the University more popular?

(d) Is it a fact that elementary Urdu and Islamic culture are compulsory subjects for B.A. Part I Examination in this University?

(e) If so, why?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The number of students before partition was 4,044 (1946-47) and was 4,551 in 1952-53.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

Shri N. P. Damodaran: Is it a fact that the introduction of Urdu and Islamic culture as compulsory subjects is responsible for the fall in number?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): No.

Shri Namdhari: In secular India is it not the fundamental right of every community to preach its own culture?

Mr. Speaker: He is asking a question of opinion. He can refer to the Constitution.

INDIAN NAVY FOR THE CORONATION

*1500. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether any ships of the Indian Navy are being sent to take part in the celebrations connected with the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom and if so, how many?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): It is our practice for ships of the Indian Navy to undertake an annual summer cruise, in the course of which certain exercises are performed. This is considered necessary in order to gain valuable experience. During this summer it is proposed that this annual cruise should take place in the Mediterranean.

At the invitation of the U.K. Government, which has been extended to all Governments of both Commonwealth and other countries, it has been decided to send three of the ships participating in the summer Cruise to take part in the Naval Review at Spithead. It is considered that this participation in the Naval

Review together with a large number of ships of all nations will also give valuable experience.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know what other countries are taking part in the celebrations?

Shri Tyagi: The present list of acceptances, as have been notified, is: The United States of America, Spain, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Portugal, Thailand, Denmark, Italy, Greece, Brazil, Belgium, Turkey, the Dominican Republic.....

Mr. Speaker: I do not think he need go on with the list.

Shri Tyagi:.....and Russia.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know if Russia took part in the 1937 celebrations, similarly?

Shri Tyagi: Yes, Sir, in that Coronation also Russia took part.

Shri Nanadas: Is it a fact that no military personnel will be beside the Prime Minister at the time of the Coronation in London?

Shri Tyagi: The question pertains not to politicians but to the Navy.

Shri Nanadas: May I know whether any defence personnel are to be present in London at the time of the Coronation?

Mr. Speaker: Ought to be present? That will be a matter of opinion. He can ask whether it is going to be present.

Shri Nanadas: That is what I asked.

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): No military or naval or defence adviser is going to accompany me to London. As a matter of fact, we have plenty of advisers in London on the subject. But I do not think any necessity of their advising me on the subject will arise there.

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*१५०१. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: क्या वित्त मंत्री भारत से सन् १९५२ में निर्यात की गयी अफीम के निर्यात शुल्क से प्राप्त हुई आय को बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha): There is no export duty on opium. The question of deriving income on this account does not, therefore, arise.