

## TRAINING IN ATOMIC WARFARE

\*792. **Shri U. C. Patnaik:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for giving training in atomic warfare to officers of the Indian Defence Services in foreign countries?

**The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi):** No.

**Shri U. C. Patnaik:** May I know if there is any scheme for training the Defence personnel and through them the civilian public for defence against atomic and other attacks against us?

**Shri Tyagi:** There is no such proposal, Sir.

**Shri U. C. Patnaik:** Can Government give us an assurance, Sir, that in the event of an atomic automatic bombardment or attacks by any other long range weapon, our defence machinery—in spite of the Rs. 235 crores annual expenditure—is in a position to defend us?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Defence (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** No such assurance can be given, Sir. I do not think any government in the world can give that assurance.

**Shri U. C. Patnaik:** May I know if Government are aware of the fact that 300 officers of our neighbouring country, Pakistan, are being trained in atomic warfare in foreign countries?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Government is not aware of that fact, Sir.

## CENTRAL COLLEGE OF DANCING

\*793. { **Shri L. J. Singh:**  
**Shri K. P. Tripathi:**

(a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Sangeet Natak Academy is starting a Central College of Dancing at Manipur?

(b) If so, what is the scheme contemplated?

(c) Will the College be a full-fledged Government College or a College to be subsidised by Government?

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**The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) to (c). The matter is under consideration and no definite scheme has yet been worked out.

I may be allowed to supplement this. A college of dancing has been proposed to be started at Imphal for Manipuri dancing.

**Shri L. J. Singh:** May I know whether the Government have drawn their attention to the statement issued sometime ago in the Press by the Chairman of the Academy to the effect that the central dancing college is being started in Manipur?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Defence (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** Let us not, first of all, get mixed up with these terms—college, academy, etc. You can call it 'college' or anything you like. It is proposed to have an academy of dancing at Imphal for those areas where there are special types of dancing—I think it is for Manipuri dancing—on a small scale, and not on a large compass as technological and all that. Another academy, perhaps a bigger one, in the other areas may be started, but the details have not been worked out. But the present idea is that there should be an academy of dancing at Imphal and another academy at Shillong for the other tribal types of dancing.

**Shri L. J. Singh:** May I know whether it is a fact that a substantial contribution has been set apart for this college of dancing by the Prime Minister from the Republic Day fund?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Well, I cannot assure the hon. Member; a reply, nevertheless, may be made. As I said, the matter is being formally considered by the Government. A beginning has been made by some money which has been placed at our disposal for the Manipur Academy so that some small beginning may be made while the bigger scheme is worked out.

**Shri Radha Raman:** May I know, Sir, how many students will be admitted in this academy?