

Shri V. P. Nayar: One question more, Sir. It is very important.

Mr. Speaker: I will go to the next question. So many questions have been allowed.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Only three.

CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF
EXERCISES

*86. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 928 on the 1st September, 1953 and state:—

(a) the names and ranks of the Officers who represented India at the Chief of Imperial General Staffs Exercises held in the U.K. in August, 1953;

(b) what total expenditure was incurred by the Government of India in connection with these exercises; and

(c) what subjects were discussed?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): (a) General Maharaj Shri Rajendrasinhji, Chief of the Army Staff and C-in-C, Army, and Maj-Gen. J. N. Chaudhuri, Chief of the General Staff (then Adjutant General) attended the Chief of Imperial General Staffs Exercises held in the U.K.

(b) The additional expenditure involved on passage, daily allowance etc. is estimated at Rs. 11,000/-.

(c) Matters of professional interest to the armies of the various countries concerned were discussed.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know, Sir, whether any issue relating to India's defence in the background of the development of the MEDO was also discussed at this conference?

Shri Tyagi: It is difficult for me to give details of the agenda discussed in that conference, for it is not only a single country's secret. But mostly we were interested in the academic nature of this conference. We are interested more professionally, just to keep ourselves abreast of the latest ideas and trends of military thought in the world.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Could I know whether there was any discussion of standardisation of all the defence equipments of the various countries in the Commonwealth at this conference?

Shri Tyagi: Probably so, I am not quite sure about it.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know, Sir, whether this agreement would not involve linking our defence to the NATO to which British weapons are standardised already?

Shri Tyagi: There is no agreement. This is a conference in which we participated. It was for educational purposes. There is no question of any agreement.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Is it without any agreement?

Shri Tyagi: We did not go for any agreement.

UNEMPLOYMENT

*88. **Shri Rama Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to short notice question No. 84 asked on the 4th September, 1953 and state how many States have accepted the proposal of the Central Government to expand primary education in rural areas as a measure to combat unemployment among the educated?

(b) What are the amounts of grants given in this behalf by the Central Government to these states?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) 18.

(b) A statement of grants given so far is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 29.]

Dr. Rama Rao: May I know, Sir, whether the Andhra State refused to accept this offer?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The scheme has been referred to the Andhra State. The reply is awaited from the Andhra State.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether any of the States has expressed its inability to accept this scheme due to financial stringency, and whether the Central Government is ready to help them?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: That specific reply has not been received from any State, except one. Andamans have said they have no schemes like this.

Shri A. M. Thomas: From the statement I gather that some alone among the Part "B" and "C" States have taken advantage of this proposal, and grants have been allotted to them. May I know what is the scheme of the Government where there is no scope for the expansion of primary education and opening of fresh schools? For example, in a State like Travancore-Cochin, the school-going children constitute 98.8 per cent. of the total of that age and there is little scope for opening fresh schools. What exactly is the scheme of the Government for relieving educated unemployment in such a State where its intensity is severe?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: This is a pure and simple scheme for meeting unemployment with regard to educated young men through opening of primary schools. I am not aware of any other scheme that the Government of India have put forward to meet the employment problem from the point of view of the hon. Member.

Mr. Speaker: His question is in those places where there is no scope now for further employment of teachers, what scheme is there for relieving unemployment of the educated as such.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: So far as our Ministry is concerned, we are not aware of any such thing.

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know if any other State Governments have expressed any specific difficulty in the implementation of the scheme?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: No, Sir. Not to my knowledge.

Shri V. P. Nayar: What is the expectation of Government as to the chances of people getting employment under this scheme—the percentage of unemployed people who will get employment as a result of this scheme?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The States have responded very satisfactorily to the scheme, and the schemes that have been sent by them are being considered, and I don't think there is any ground for us to suppose that it is not encouraging.

PETROLEUM

*91. **Shri Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to starred question No. 1492 answered on the 21st April, 1953 and state:

(a) whether prospecting operation for petroleum is still being conducted by the Assam Oil Company Limited in the Naharkatiya area; and

(b) the anticipated oil find according to the experts working there?

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

(b) It is reported that promising signs of oil were recently found at a depth around 10,000 feet.

Shri Amjad Ali: May I know whether the Government of Assam issued a communique on the working of the Assam Oil Company in the Naharkatiya area recently?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The Standard Vacuum Oil Company issued a bulletin.

Shri Meghnad Saha: May I know whether the Government has got any scheme for training its own personnel for all this oil prospecting?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Not so far. Government have no scheme so far.

Shri Meghnad Saha: Does it not mean that we are placing ourselves in a very subordinate position to the oil companies?