

Opposition at least gets a chance of putting certain supplementaries.

**An Hon. Member:** Everybody should get a chance.

**Mr. Speaker:** I shall bear that in mind.

GOODWILL DELEGATION TO JAPAN

\*116. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a goodwill delegation composed of three lady Members of the Parliament has gone to Japan recently;

(b) whether it was at the invitation of Japan that India sent this Mission or the idea originated with ourselves; and

(c) whether this delegation has any specific mission in any particular sphere?

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) Yes.

(b) The Indian Goodwill Mission was sent at the invitation of the Government of Japan.

(c) No.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** May I know whether there was any indication in the invitation itself that the delegation should be composed of ladies alone?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** It was an invitation to ladies alone. If I may say so, some Japanese women Members of Parliament came here some months or a year ago. It was at their instance when they went back, I think, that a motion was moved in the Japanese Diet to invite a mission of women M.P.s. from here. That Government accepted the motion and made the invitation.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Would this Delegation submit any report about their tour and their mission?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Well, yes. It was a cultural mission. They have orally told us about their experience and I suppose they will give us something in writing also.

**Shri Veeraswamy:** May I know the names of the Members who went?

**Mr. Speaker:** We will go to the next question.

INDIAN AGRICULTURISTS FOR BRITISH NORTH BORNEO

\*117. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of British North Borneo have formally withdrawn a year old invitation to India to send 10,000 agriculturists for settlement in that British Colony; and

(b) if so, the circumstances which have led to this decision?

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Lack of public support in North Borneo to the scheme and the inability of the Government of North Borneo to meet the considerable expenditure involved resulted in the withdrawal of the scheme.

**Shri S. N. Das:** Before the withdrawal of this invitation, may I know whether any delegation was sent to make a study of the conditions there and, if so, whether they have submitted any report?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** No delegation was sent. Because when we were on the point of sending it they did not want them to be sent.

DUTUGEMUNU SECRET SOCIETY OF CEYLON

\*120. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the existence of a secret society in Ceylon known as the "Dutugemunu Secret Society" which works for ousting Indians from Ceylon; and

(b) whether it is a fact that this Society has recently sent cyclostyled circulars to a large number of Indians in that country telling them to quit Ceylon?