

## POPPY CULTIVATION

\*280. **Shri Hem Raj:** (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the cultivation of poppy has been stopped in the Himachal Pradesh?

(b) If so, do Government propose to give some subsidy to the people of that State?

(c) Have the Central Government received any request from the Himachal Pradesh Government for the grant of such a subsidy?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha):** (a) The cultivation of poppy in Himachal Pradesh has not yet been stopped, but is being progressively reduced in agreement with the Government of that State.

(b) and (c). The State Government, who had raised the question of a subsidy to the cultivators at the time of discussion of restriction of poppy cultivation in the State, were asked to submit concrete proposals in this regard in writing for detailed examination, but no such proposals have been received so far.

**Shri Hem Raj:** Is it not a fact that the agriculturists of this hilly region where no other crop can be grown will be ruined by the stoppage of this cash crop?

**Shri A. C. Guha:** That is, to some extent, true. That is why the Central Government have asked the State Government to submit a scheme for subsidy or anything that could be done for an alternative crop. As yet, the State Government has not given any proposal.

## ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

\*281. **Shri R. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the terms and conditions of the reserve officers of Army Medical Corps have been examined; and

(b) if so, whether these have been finalised?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia):** (a) and (b). It is hoped to finalise the terms and conditions of the reserve officers of the Army Medical Corps by the end of May this year.

श्री आर० एन० सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि रिजर्व ऑफिसर आरमी मेडिकल कोर की मांगें क्या हैं?

**Sardar Majithia:** There are no demands in the army. It is the Government itself which decides what conditions they ought to be governed by.

**The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi):** May I add that in the army there are no demands as there are in trade unions. Army cases are discussed on their merits and decided by the Government.

**Shri T. N. Singh:** May I know if any representations had been made in this behalf and what the nature of the representations was?

**Shri Tyagi:** From the Army Headquarters representation was made to the Government requesting them to consider if the Government could give them some kind of increased gratuity or pensions after retirement. That is the demand that the Army Headquarters put up. It may not be mistaken with a demand from the officers.

**Shri Velayudhan:** What is it then?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. Next question.

BOOK SCANDAL ENQUIRY COMMITTEE,  
PEPSU

\*282. **Shri Ram Dass:** Will the Minister of States be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Book Scandal Enquiry Committee was appointed in P.E.P.S.U.; and

(b) if so, what are the important findings of this Committee?

**The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju):** (a) Yes.

(b) The Committee's report is still awaited.

**Shri Ram Dass:** May I know the proportion of official and non-official members of this Committee?

**Dr. Katju:** I want notice.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Is it a fact that the enquiry has already been completed and the report requires only to be signed when the president died, and a new president was appointed and may I know whether he has signed that report or not?

**Dr. Katju:** I am indebted to the hon. Member for the information that he has given. A new president was appointed. Whether he thought fit to adopt the report drafted by his late lamented predecessor or wanted to investigate the thing, I cannot say.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** May I know whether he has made any further enquiry since he was appointed?

**Dr. Katju:** I want notice of this question also.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** May I know what is the....

**Mr. Speaker:** I am going to the next question.

### केन्द्रीय सचिवालय

\*२८५. डा० सत्यवादी : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि केन्द्रीय सचिवालय में "गजेटेड" तथा "नान-गजेटेड" कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है तथा उन में अनुसूचित जातियों के कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है ?

**The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

### कोलम्बो योजना

\*२८६. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि वर्ष १९५३ में भारत को कोलम्बो योजना के अन्तर्गत क्या सहायता मिली है ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Shri B. B. Bhagat):** A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 55.]

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : मैं यह जानना चाहता था कि, जैसा कि इस बयान में दिया गया है, आस्ट्रेलिया, न्यूजीलैंड और कनाडा से जो सहायता मिलने वाली थी, इस का आशय क्या था, और जो आशय, अभिप्राय था वह कहां तक पूरा हो चुका है?

श्री बी० आर० भगत : आशय जो इस मदद का था वह आशय पूरा होता जा रहा है ।

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : मैं यह जानना चाहता था कि इस सहायता के अन्तर्गत कौन कौन से काम किये जाने थे और वह किये गये हैं तो किस हद तक किये गये हैं?

श्री बी० आर० भगत : जो मदद आस्ट्रेलिया से मिली है उस में पहले साल में तो गेहूं आया । उस के बाद तुंगभद्रा इरिगेशन के लिये और रामकृन् डैम इलेक्ट्रिकल प्राजेक्ट के लिये सामान आया और इस साल डीजल आयल एंजिन और आल इंडिया रेडियो के लिये सामान आया । कनाडा से जो मदद मिली उस में भी पहले साल गेहूं आया । उस के बाद गेहूं की बिक्री से जो रूपया मिला उस से मयूराक्षी बांध की योजना बन रही है । न्यूजीलैंड से जो मदद मिली उन से आल इंडिया मेडिकल इंस्टीट्यूट को बनाने का काम किया जा रहा है ।