

Dr. Katju: We shall consider that matter. But personally I do not think it is a desirable process to adopt.

Shri B. S. Murthy: The British Government also thought like that at first.

GROW MORE FOOD CAMPAIGN BY ARMY

*1281. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether during 1953-54 the Army could contribute anything to the Grow More Food Campaign as a voluntary effort; and

(b) if so, what area was brought under cultivation of cereals, vegetables or fodder during that year?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Yes.

(b) 8,938 acres.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What was the amount saved through this campaign?

Sardar Majithia: I am afraid I have not got that information with me. But if the hon. Member wants to know the amount of wheat, paddy, maize and other cereals produced, I can give those figures.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know whether they have been able to develop any gardens or gardening colonies?

Sardar Majithia: We have produced about 308 tons of fruit, out of this land.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

*1282. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the response received from the public in Rajasthan to the Territorial Army?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Satish Chandra): Recruitment to the Territorial Army is made on a zonal basis. No urban or provincial unit has been raised in Rajasthan.

66 persons from Rajasthan have, however, joined the provincial units located at Delhi and Jullundur.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether the recruitment in Rajasthan is from non-martial classes?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Is there still any such difference?

Shri Satish Chandra: There is no difference between martial and non-martial classes, so far as recruitment to the Territorial Army is concerned.

Shri K. K. Basu: The hon. Minister stated that there is no distinction between martial and non-martial classes. May I know whether that restriction applies only to the Territorial Army or to all types of the army?

Shri Satish Chandra: For the moment, I am referring to the Territorial Army.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question refers only to the Territorial Army.

REPUBLIC DAY

*1283. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the total amount of money spent by Government for the celebration of the Republic Day in 1954?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Satish Chandra): Excluding the expenditure on movement of troops and equipment which is estimated to be Rs. 10,000/- (approx.), an expenditure of about Rs. 1,40,000 has been incurred on the last Republic Day Celebrations.

Shri Rishang Keishing: What are the main items of expenditure?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Are we to go into all that here? The hon. Member might ask the Minister to give him these details, or if he had tabled an unstarred question, he would have got the answer.

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): May I give an answer to this? The principal item is the cost of travel and boarding and lodging for 889 tribal folk dancers invited.