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## (Part I—Questions and Answers)

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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE Wednesday, 28th April, 1954.

The House met at a Quarter Past Eight of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

FIRE ADVISER IN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

\*2090. Sardar Hukam Singh: (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the number of persons trained so far for the fire brigade personnel of the Defence Organisations?

- (b) Is it proposed to continue the training or has sufficient number been trained by now for our requirements?
- (c) Has the "Fire Adviser" any specific duties besides helping to train these men for fire brigades?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) 377.

- (b) Approximately 300 more have yet to be trained. It is also necessary to have advanced and refresher courses for those already trained.
  - (c) Yes. He is required to-
- (i) advise the three Services and the Director General of Ordnance Factories on all matters connected with fire prevention and fire fighting arrangements and equipment;
- (ii) inspect Defence Installations for advising on questions relating to fire risk; and

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(iii) attend investigations or Courts of Enquiry regarding outbreaks of fire in these Installations.

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Sardar Hukam Singh: What is the number of courses held so far?

Sardar Majithia: Twelve.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Are these trainees drawn from the various units and after training sent back to their centres or is there a separate unit raised for this fire-fighting organisation?

Sardar Majithia: These trainees are drawn from the ordnance factories and the Army. After they get their training, they go back to their respective units and there they organise the various fire fighting stations. In case their particular unit is not at a place where they are needed, they are put in another station because fire-fighting is organised on a station basis and also on a unit basis. They go back to their respective places where they can be utilised to the best advantage.

Shri Joachim Alva: Is the aspect of fire-fighting emphasised in the protection of our Navy and also the military planes?

Sardar Majithia: I have not grasped what the hon. Member has in his mind. In case he wants information whether we have fire-fighting installations in the naval units and also in our Air Force, we certainly have them.

## **JOURNALISM**

\*2091. Shri S. N. Das: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such of the universities and other institutions in