

(a) the concrete results achieved due to the initiative taken by the Commonwealth Countries in 1952 in proposing a world wide movement towards freer trade and currencies; and

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the members of the Commonwealth did not co-operate fully in the task?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) The results achieved are in the direction of the establishment of some of the pre-conditions for a system of freer trade and payments. There has been a general reduction in inflationary pressures and a considerable improvement in the foreign exchange position of countries in the sterling area. As a result, certain restrictions on use of sterling for payments abroad have been relaxed.

(b) I am not aware of any such instance.

Shri L. N. Mishra: I want to know the reasons why in spite of all these efforts of Commonwealth countries, some countries especially the exporters of industrial raw materials have suffered adversely in recent months?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: There has been general improvement. But, as the hon. Member says, the export prices particularly of cotton and oil seeds have gone down and in the result, this has created troubles for the exporting countries.

Shri L. N. Mishra: I want to know whether the Government of India have placed before the Commonwealth countries any definite programme to achieve the goal of convertibility and maintain convertibility for a longer period?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: That is precisely the objective of the Commonwealth Conference. This question has been discussed in each of the meetings. Although there has been limited convertibility achieved, as the hon. Member says, the final objective is convertibility over a long term basis and we are going in that direction.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know whe-

ther the attention of the Government has been drawn to a statement of Mr. Black, the President of the World Bank, against the use of credit? I want to know whether any stringent policy as regards credit will affect our position towards convertibility.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: Use of which credit? I could not catch the import of the question.

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): I think the hon. Member refers to the export credit arrangement. The President of the International Bank drew attention to the facility with which there was a tendency to extend facile export credit. He thought that the availability of cheap credit in this way would come in the way of the operations in the Bank on proper business considerations.

FOREIGN EXPERTS

***910. Mulla Abdullahai:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign technicians working at present in the various projects in India; and

(b) the number of those who returned to their countries during 1953 after giving their advice?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) The number of foreign technicians working at present in various projects in India, whose services were procured under programmes dealt with in this Ministry, is:—

1. United Nations Technical Assistance Administration.	10
2. Point Four Programme...	64
3. Colombo Plan	27
(b)—	
1. United Nations Technical Assistance Administration	15
2. Point Four Programme	12
3. Colombo Plan	24

Mulla Abdullahai: May I know the name of the country from which the maximum number of technicians have come to India?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The U.S.A. and the U.K. provide the maximum number of technicians.

Mulla Abdullahai: May I know the number of those who returned to their respective countries in the current year, till October 1954?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The figure here is for 1953. That has been given in the answer.

Mr. Speaker: He wants the figure, further up to October, 1954.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: I should like to have separate notice.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether the Government of the country has any say in determining the efficiency of the experts before they are appointed in our country, or the organisations themselves select them?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: We accept the selection made by the organisations. But we keep this point in view also.

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know if any of the experts were sent away at the instance of the Government of India on the ground of inefficiency or otherwise?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: Not that I am aware of.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

*914. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign missionaries working in India at present nationality-wise; and

(b) the number of those against whom reports have been received in regard to their anti-Indian activities?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix IV, annexure 25.]

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(b) The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the reply given to Starred Question No. 396 on the 2nd September, 1954.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know how it is that barring the Commonwealth countries, there are 6687 missionaries working in India? May I know how this number compares with the number of missionaries working in British India and in India today?

Shri Datar: The figure given in this statement relates to non-Commonwealth countries.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know the number of Chinese Missionaries?

Shri Datar: 34.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what they are doing here?

Shri Datar: I may not point out what these individual missionaries are doing. I may inform the House that they are either teachers, doctors, dentists, nurses, technicians or administrative personnel, social workers, evangelists, etc.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if dentists and administrators also come in the category of missionaries?

Shri Datar: The number of dentists is very small, only ten.

Shri D. C. Sharma: The hon. Minister said....

Mr. Speaker: He is going on arguing. Perhaps, there may be a mission hospital. If there is a mission hospital, we can imagine a doctor being a missionary and yet a dental surgeon.

CENTRAL STATISTICAL ORGANISATION

*915. **Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States who have joined the Central Statistical Organisation set up by Government.

(b) the number of persons who were imparted training in the Senior State Statisticians Course; and