

Committee set up to co-ordinate the research activities on Social Tensions?

(b) What measures are being taken in order to implement the findings of this research committee on Social Tensions?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 12].

**Shrimati Jayashri:** May I know which are the social tensions in which research is being carried out?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Communal tensions, caste tensions, linguistic tensions, etc.

**Shri Damodara Menon:** Which are the centres where research work is carried on in social tensions?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** There is no regional basis for undertaking these investigations; and on a very wide scale Government are proposing to investigate the problems connected with these tensions.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know whether Government have got any machinery to give effect to the findings of this tensions Committee?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Yes, Sir. There are several committees which have been instituted under a Board and these committees are connected with university authorities and other academicians. They are expected to examine the question and report to us so that if Government wishes to take certain action, they may do so.

**Mr. Speaker:** I go to the next question.

**Shri Velayudhan:** One question, Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let there be no tension over this. Next question.

#### RE-ARMAMENT PROGRAMME

\*717. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India would be called upon to help Britain to resolve her financial difficulties on account of her re-armament programme; and

(b) whether there are any financial obligations, undertaken by India as a Member of the British Commonwealth?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) and (b). No, Sir.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Has the attention of Government been drawn to the press report of an interview given by a former Commonwealth Minister, Lord Ismay that India was going to be called upon to share the extra expenditure which Britain is going to incur over her re-armament?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** I have seen a press cutting, Sir, but it was a statement by Mr. Shinwell and not by the gentleman referred to by the hon. Member.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** I have a paper here, Sir, which reports a news item from London regarding Lord Ismay.

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** Which paper?

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Blitz.

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** The hon. Member lives in a dreamland and a fantastic world of his own which has no relation to facts.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Is it the contemplation of Government to ignore whatever appears in particular papers because they are supposed not to purvey the truth?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** There are some papers where the presumption is that whatever they contain is false.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Does Government contemplate any action against papers which are supposed to be perpetually purveying untruth?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** We shall take action if the law is so changed to permit us to take such action.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** There is one more question, Sir. Is the hon. Minister in a position to make comments on a report which has appeared today that in the British House of Commons there is talk about a broad co-operative economic policy to be pursued by all members of the Commonwealth including this country?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** May I say, Sir, that I do not know whether the hon. Member refers to the Commonwealth Finance Ministers Conference held in January last. There was a press statement which was issued by the conference, and in that connection, a statement was laid on the Table by me in the provisional Parliament.

That has no relation to any intention to undertake financial obligations in respect of Britain's re-armament programme. The assistance is in respect of the solution of the common problems of the Sterling area, viz., the declining trend in the common gold and dollar reserves.

#### GRANTS TO DISTINGUISHED PERSONS

\*718. **Shrimati Jayashri:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a provision of rupees one lakh for grants to persons distinguished in Art, Literature, Culture, etc., and who are in indigent circumstances has been included in this year's Budget;

(b) whether any such grant was given to any individual in the past and if so, what was the amount so given; and

(c) whether there is any committee to decide who deserve to receive this grant?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) Yes;

(b) Yes; a sum of Rs. 2,500 was paid in 1950-51 through the Government of West Bengal for the medical treatment of Kazi Nazrul Islam.

(c) It is proposed to set up for this purpose a committee consisting of prominent non-officials and representatives of the Ministries of Finance, Defence and Education.

**Shrimati Jayashri:** What is the maximum grant that can be given to an individual?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** There is no maximum grant fixed by us.

**Dr. M. M. Das:** May I know, Sir, whether the amount that was paid for the treatment of Kazi Nazrul Islam, was paid by the Central Government or the West Bengal Government?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Central Government.

**Shri N. S. Nair:** May I know, Sir, whether Members of Parliament will be eligible for these grants?

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know, Sir, whether Government was inviting applications, and if so, whether applications have come from other distinguished persons of literature and art?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Yes, under the rules, generally applications are invited.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know, Sir, whether other applications have come, and if so, from whom they have come?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I will require notice for this. I do not know whether in this specific case other applications came or not.

#### HISTORY OF THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT

\*719. **Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 1167 asked on the 20th September, 1951 and state:

(a) how far the work of preparing the "History of the Freedom Movement in India" has since progressed and what is the amount spent on it so far; and

(b) when it is expected to be completed?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). A scheme has been prepared and steps are being taken for its implementation.

**Shri Madiah Gowda:** May I know, Sir, whether there is any committee appointed for the purpose of preparing and editing this book of history?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Yes. A high-powered commission has been appointed, and various committees under this have been and are being contemplated.

**Shri V. G. Deshpande:** Will the hon. Member please tell the names of the members of this Committee?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The members of the high-powered commission that is going to guide the preparation of the History are Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Azad.

**Shri V. G. Deshpande:** May I know, Sir, whether the history will contain only the activities of the Congress party, or other parties also will be included in it?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Sir, a history is going to be written. There is no question of any party.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know, Sir, whether representatives of the working classes also will be represented in the committee?