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The House met at a Quarter Past
Eight of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ANTI-SMUGGLING DEVICES

*1858. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of **Natural Resources and Scientific Research** be pleased to state whether the National Physical Laboratory, Delhi, has evolved any anti-smuggling devices recently?

(b) If so, what are those devices and have they been tried anywhere?

The **Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The National Physical Laboratory has evolved an electronic device which can be used by officers engaged in anti-smuggling work for detecting gold and other precious metals. This instrument is being tried out at the Delhi Air-ports and at the Customs House, Calcutta.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What was the quantity or value of the metals that were discovered by their use?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I do not know the quantity of metal that was discovered. I may inform hon. Members that it is still in the experimental stage. Different models of this apparatus have been devised and we are still trying to find which is the best.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Would it discover all metals or only particular metals within a certain distance?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Specially precious metals.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Was the aid of this laboratory sought by the House-
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ing Factory in Delhi in diagnosing the causes of its failure?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order; we will go to the next question.

RECRUITMENT TO TECHNICAL UNITS

*1859. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state whether recruitment to the Technical units of the Territorial Army has been satisfactory?

(b) What steps have been taken to stimulate recruitment to these units?

The **Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami):** (a) It has not been satisfactory.

(b) I would invite attention to the answer given on 25th June 1952 to Starred Question No. 1156.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether a large number of those who volunteered to be recruited were rejected on certain grounds?

Shri Gopalaswami: I am not sure that they were a large number. I am afraid I have not got the figures of rejection.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether the documentary film prepared for the Territorial Army is being shown in various parts of the country, still?

Shri Gopalaswami: Yes.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What are the chief languages in which this film has been prepared?

Shri Gopalaswami: These films are in various languages. They cost a good sum of money. But, I think they cover most of the important languages in the country.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know the number of technical personnel recruited from industrial labour?

Shri Gopalaswami: I have no separate figures for industrial labour as such.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know the chief reasons for this unsatisfactory progress in the recruitment: whether it is because of lack of technical personnel in the country or lack of publicity and other methods used by the Department?

Shri Gopalaswami: Publicity has been very vigorously pursued. But, the real difficulty has been two-fold: one, a certain amount of reluctance on the part of possible entrants into the Territorial Force and the other a certain amount of reluctance on the part of employers to release personnel. The common ground between the two being the difference in the remuneration they get in private service and what they get on being enrolled in the Territorial Force.

Shri Bogawat: May I know if recruitment to the Territorial Force is increasing as compared to 1951?

Shri Gopalaswami: Certainly it is increasing.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know if the amendment made in the original Act last year has led to any improvement in the situation?

Shri Gopalaswami: It is too soon to say that. There has been a certain improvement even within the few months it has been in force.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know the number of units that have had to be changed from urban to provincial units because of this unsatisfactory response in recruitment in the urban areas?

Shri Gopalaswami: I am afraid I shall require notice of that.

Shri A. C. Guha: Is it true that intending candidates are not given proper facilities even in Government offices as employers?

Shri Gopalaswami: Government offices have all been circularised to see that there are no impediments created.

Shri Kelappan: Is it because the service conditions are not sufficiently attractive?

Shri Gopalaswami: The emoluments they get in the Territorial Force are in many cases less than the emoluments they get in private service. There is a difference. There is also a certain amount of uncertainty as to whether these people after getting back from the Territorial Force would be put back in their previous employment. As hon. Members know, we have passed legislation so far as the latter aspect is concerned. With

regard to the former, we can only make appeals. We have made appeals to both the private employers and Chambers of Commerce and Government departments.

SURVEY OF INDIAN COAST LINE

***1862. Shri Shivananjappa:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey of Indian Coast line and approaches to harbours and ports has been conducted by Marine Survey of India; and

(b) if so, whether the details of the Survey will be placed on the Table?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (a) Yes, such a survey is being undertaken.

(b) The survey records are bulky and cannot conveniently be placed on the Table. Certain of them, e.g., Charts, are available for sale.

Shri Shivananjappa: In the light of the survey, may I know what are the proposals of the Government for the development of Bhatkal and Malpe on the West Coast?

Shri Gopalaswami: Is the hon. Member's question regarding their development as ports?

Shri Shivananjappa: Yes.

Shri Gopalaswami: That is a question which ought to be addressed to the Transport Ministry.

Shri B. Shiva Rao: May I know whether this survey applies only to the coast line strictly speaking or does it also take into account islands both in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.

Shri Gopalaswami: It is mainly concerned with the coast line. Whether any particular islands come within the survey of the coast line, is a matter which I should like to look into.

GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES

***1865. Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions which the Universities are required to fulfil for receiving grants for the development of scientific and technical education; and

(b) the names of Universities which have so far received such grants giving the amount in each case.