

(c) the names of the educational, scientific and cultural organisations entitled to have Associate Membership of this Commission?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The three sub-Commissions are being reconstituted in accordance with the revised constitution.

(b) A tentative programme has been drawn up in the Ministry for the consideration of the Commission and is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix V, annexure No. 32]

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Shri S. N. Das: May I know, Sir, whether the Textbook Committee which was appointed by the Indian National Commission has finalised the work in regard to the scrutiny of Indian History textbooks?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We have not yet received the report of the Textbook Committee.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know, Sir, how many Committees are functioning under the auspices of the Indian National Commission?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There are three sub-commissions which have been proposed by the interim Indian National Commission, and these sub-commissions are: The Education Sub-Commission, The Science Sub-Commission, and the Cultural Sub-Commission. These are in the process of being formed. As soon as the names of representatives of States and other associations have been received by the Government, they will be formed.

Shri S. N. Das: I wanted to know the various Committees functioning under the Indian National Commission such as Ad-hoc Committees of the Science Commission, the Textbook Committee, the Translation Committee, the Popularisation of UNESCO Committee.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I haven't those informations just now.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether a Seminar on Gandhian teaching and philosophy has been held or is proposed to be held?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: So far as is known to me, it is to be held some time early next year.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any important problems were studied by this Commission or its

Committees during the last year, and whether they have given any report.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Only the Constitution has so far been prepared by the interim Commission, and as soon as the permanent Commission is formed all important problems will be considered by them.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any session of the Commission was held after 1951?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Aazad): No.

Shri S. N. Das: From the statement it appears that a certain number of educational scientific and cultural organisations have been approved for associate membership of the Indian National Commission. What is the basis on which these organisations are approved, and have the applications of certain institutions been rejected?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am not aware whether applications have been rejected or not.

Shri B. S. Murthy: Is there any officer of the Commission in charge of the Gandhian seminar to be held in India?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am not aware.

OCEANOGRAPHY

***909. Dr. Rama Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply to unstarred question No. 688 for 31st July, 1952 and state whether a foreign Professor is coming to India to guide and direct Oceanographic research in an Indian University?

(b) If so, who is he and what is the agency through which he is coming?

(c) What are his emoluments as met by the Government of India?

(d) How long does he propose to stay here and what are the detailed schemes of his work here?

(e) Which is the University at which he is to work and since when did the work on oceanography start at this University?

(f) Is it a fact that oceanographic study of Indian waters will make available data of vital importance to the Naval Defences of the country?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prof. Eugene C. LaFond, Head of Oceanography Branch, U.S. Navy

Electronics Laboratory has come to India through the United States Educational Foundation in India.

(c) Nil.

(d) The Professor has come to India for nine months. The scheme of his work is—

- (i) to survey the geological and biological features of the Western Part of the Bay of Bengal.
- (ii) to do advanced teaching work in Oceanography, and
- (iii) to train members of the staff of the University in the methods of advanced investigations.

(e) Andhra University. The subject of Oceanography was introduced in the University in 1948 as a special subject in University Department of Atmospheric and Meteorology.

(f) Such study will lead to an increase of knowledge and the results of the survey would be very useful to the Indian Navy. The Government do not consider that this matter is such that from the point of view of defence all scientific research in connection with it should be barred.

Dr. Rama Rao: May I know, Sir, if the United States Naval Officer has any teaching experience in any University?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I think he has enough experience, because he is the head of the Oceanography Branch of U.S.A.

Dr. Rama Rao: As a naval officer, has he had any experience in any University?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am not aware of it.

Shri B. S. Murthy: How many students who have obtained degrees in the Andhra University in Oceanography, have been sent to foreign countries for further training?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I have no information.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know what is the period of service of this officer in the United States Navy? May I also know what steps the Government take to prevent such officers who come to India for doing scientific work, from using information which they gather here, against the interests of India?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We have said that we cannot bar the studies in oceanography or any of these sciences, because of just a doubt that somebody

would take away information from here.

Sbri V. P. Nayar: That is not the answer to my question. My question was...

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): May I say a word, Sir? The only answer that can be given is that Government is vigilant about that. But Government, keeping that in consideration, does not want scientific work to suffer. If they have any doubt about anything being done which is contrary to national interests, well, they intervene.

Shri V. P. Nayar: That is an answer only to the latter part of my question. The first part of my question was this. Has the Government any information about the period for which this officer has been working in the United States Navy?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Manlana Azad): Nine months.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I am not asking for details of his service in India. I want to know what period of service this officer had in the United States Navy?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We are not aware of it.

Dr. Rama Rao: May I know whether the selection of a major port like Vizagapatam has anything to do with his selection?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: No, Sir.

RURAL BANKING ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

*919. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 3122 asked on the 14th April, 1951 and state which of the recommendations of the Rural Banking Enquiry Committee have been implemented so far by the Central Government?

The Minister of Revenue and Expenditure (Shri Tyagi): The actual implementation of most of the recommendations lies within the sphere of action of the Reserve Bank of India and the State Governments. The Government of India is concerned mainly with initiating action and providing guidance to the State Governments as to the steps to be taken by them for implementing the recommendations. For the action so far taken in this direction, the attention of the Member is invited to paragraphs 37 to 52 of the Report of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank for the year ended June 30,