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LOK SABHA

Wednesday, 7th September, 1955

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

(Mr Speaker in the Chair.) ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

> Naval Training Centres

- *1516. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing .
- (a) the number of Naval Personnel Training Centres in the country; and
- (b) the names of the places where they are located and the number of persons who can get training there at a tim?

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

- (b) It is not in the public interest to disclose the loca ion and number of persons who can be trained at these Centres.
- Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if it is the intention of the Government to increase the number of these Naval Personnel Training Centres in the Second Five Year Plan?

Sardar Majithia: No, not at the moment, because we think the outturn of these Centres is enough to maintain our Navy as at present.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if foreign technical personnel is being used in the training of these persons or if India is self-sufficient in this respect?

Sardr Majithia: I require notice question; but speaking from for that memory I think there is no foreigner.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if it is part of the training of these persons to be sent abroad for any kind of naval exercises or if the training is confined to the exercises in India alone?

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Sardar Majithia: This training refers only to the training that the people get to make them fit to joi i the naval services. So far as exercises are concerned, possibly the hon. Member is confusing them with the annual training exercises which the Navy carries out in conjunction with other fleets.

सरबार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या यह सच है कि गवनमेंट इस बात की तजवीज कर रही है कि ज्यादा ट्रेनिंग सेन्टर खोल कर के जो नैवल पर्सोनेल हैं उन को बढ़ाया जाय?

सरबार मजीिं क्या : मैं ने पहले भी व हा है कि भ्रभी गवर्नमेंट के सामने ऐसी कोई तज बीज नहीं है। मगर जैसे जैसे जरूरत पड़ेगः वैसे वैसे उन का काम बढ़ाया जा सकता है।

Cloth Purchases

*1517. Shri Ibrahim: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state :

- (a) the quantity of cloth purchased for the Defence services personnel during the year 1954-55; and
- (b) the percentage of handloom cloth purchased for the purpose during the same period ?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Approximately 60 lakhs of yards of cloth were purchased for Defence Service's personnel during 1954-55.

(b) Nil.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether the question of purchasing handlocm cloth has been considered by the Governement and if so, with what result?

Sardar Majithia: It certainly has been considered by Government. But as was explained quite some while age by the Minister of Defence Organisation his handloom cloth is not suitable for uniforms which are our main requirements. For other purposes, for instance, for towers, dusters, aprons and caps for cooks, tea