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**LOK SABHA**

*Saturday, 13th August, 1955.*

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

**ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

**International Voluntary Work Camps**

\*703. **Shri Radha Raman** : Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state :

(a) the number of International Voluntary Work Camps that have been working in India ;

(b) their number during the current year ;

(c) whether Government are affording any facility to these Camps ; and

(d) if so, in what form and shape ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education (Dr. M. M. Das)** : (a) and (b). So far as the information is available with this Ministry, 5 International Voluntary Organisations have been rendering actual manual service in India.

(c) Yes.

(d) Whenever requests for holding Work Camp are paid at the usual rate of :

(i) Rs. 1/12/- per head per day for Food and incidentals ;

(ii) Actual III Class railway fare or Bus fare.

**Shri Radha Raman** : May I know the total number of foreigners which these organisations are sending as volunteers for work camps in India ?

**Dr. M. M. Das** : It is not proper to call them foreigners ; some of the volunteers that are working in these camps are non-Indians, but the organisations are international. The term 'international' includes India also. There are two such organisations. The Service Civil International which held a camp with a strength

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of 35 and the World University Service which held one with a strength of 50.

**Shri Radha Raman** : The Parliamentary Secretary has just now said that the Government of India is offering other facilities to these camps in addition to what is given in the shape of third class fare etc. May I know what those facilities are and also whether these volunteers working in the camps seek the permission of the Government of India before coming here ?

**Dr. M. M. Das** : These are international organisations already working in the country. The volunteers must have obtained permission, otherwise they would not be allowed to enter the country.

**Shri Radha Raman** : May I know which are the places in which these volunteers have so far worked and rendered manual labour ?

**Dr. M. M. Das** : As I have said, the camps are being held by two organisations. The location of the camp held by Service Civil International was at Tiruvanmiyur Kuppam (Madras State) and that of the World University Service was located at Wazirabad, Delhi.

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall)** : Probably there is a misunderstanding which I might clear. Most of the persons who participated in these camps were Indians. All the persons who participated in the camp organised by the World University Service were Indians, whereas in the other organisation most of them were Indians and some foreigners also participated.

**Dr. Rama Rao** : May I know how many foreign nationals exactly took part in all the 5 camps so far ?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall** : I do not know the exact number.

**Shri A. M. Thomas** : May I suggest that question 710 also may be taken up along with question 704 ? Both are about the India Office Library.

**Mr. Speaker** : Is it convenient for the Minister to answer them together ?

**Dr. M. M. Das** : Yes.