

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know whether, in view of the fact that the moment the rising dusts left by the trainers lie low, the members of the N.V. F. go almost sleeping, do Government propose to have any scheme so that at least once a year they may be called for some refresher training course or some such thing ?

Sardar Majithia : I controvert the first part of the question; if the hon. Member has a little patience, he will realise that in camp the increase in their weight shows that they are definitely better looked after.

Shri B. S. Murthy : May I know whether any attempt has been made to use these forces in flood-affected areas ?

Sardar Majithia : No, not to my knowledge.

Astrological Forecasts

*2109. **Shri Matthen :** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether Government propose to stop the abuse of astrological forecasts through the newspapers ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : The question of placing a check on forecasts of a harmful nature is under consideration.

Shri Matthen : May I know if some hon. Ministers are also indulging in this ?

Shri Raj Bahadur : To our knowledge, no.

Shri Kamath : Is it not a fact that while astrology itself may be a science which calls for systematic research, it is only quacks in that science, just like quacks in all other sciences including the science of Government, that should be dealt with ?

Mr. Speaker : Order, order. I do not allow this question.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi : May I know whether astrology has been recognised by the Government as a science ?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant) : Whether it be a science or an art, I think it is for persons who have studied that subject to give their opinions. It is a matter of opinions. I am prepared to say that it is both or it may be neither.

सहाय्य बलों में भर्ती

*२१११. श्री पी० एल० बाबूपाल : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जनवरी से ३१ अगस्त, १९५५ तक सेना, नौसेना और वायुसेना में कितने व्यक्ति भर्ती किये गये ?

रक्षा उपमंत्री (सरदार मजीठिया) : यह जन-हित में न होगा कि पूछी हुई सूचना दी जाय ।

Shri Joachim Alva : While fully maintaining the ideals of a Central State and also finding that the Sikhs, Christians and Anglo-Indians have been given more than ample representation in the Armed Forces do Government propose to give this adequate representation to Scheduled Castes and Harijans ?

Mr. Speaker : I do not think this question arises out of this. It is too wide and does not come under the original question.

Sardar Hukam Singh : May I know whether it is a fact that certain sections like paratroops are restricted for certain classes of Indians ?

Sardar Majithia : No, not to my knowledge.

States Reorganisation Commission

*2116. **Shri M. L. Agrawal :** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether the report of the States Reorganisation Commission will be published as soon as it is ready or whether its publication will be postponed until Government have considered their recommendations and formulated their opinion thereon ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : The matter is under consideration and a definite decision will be taken when the Report is received by Government.

Shri M. L. Agrawal : May I know whether the House will have an opportunity to express its views before the recommendations of the States Reorganisation Commission are implemented ?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant) : Of course this House will have a full opportunity for discussing the matter. No changes can be made without the sanction of Parliament.

Shri M. L. Agarwal : May I know what is the basis of the comments disclosures appearing in the press made by the Chief Ministers of Andhra and Travancore-Cochin regarding the recommendations of the Commission with respect to their States ?

Pandit G. B. Pant : I think the temptation to speculate sometimes infects Ministers.

Shri M. L. Agarwal : May I know how long it would take to place the report before the public ?