

considering the case of having retired judicial officers also to look into these things. No specific qualifications have been prescribed.

Shri Morarka : May I know on what basis the remuneration to these inspectors is fixed by Government ?

Shri M. C. Shah : According to the work involved.

Shri Morarka : What is the maximum amount of remuneration fixed for any single inspector ?

Shri M. C. Shah : Sometimes, it is Rs. 6,000 ; sometimes, it is Rs. 500 ; sometimes, it is Rs. 75 per day for principal, and Rs. 13 for qualified assistants. The maximum is also prescribed. I have got with me a list showing the remuneration paid to the 16 inspectors. But it is a big list.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know the recommendation in the interim report submitted by the inspector against one company which has just been mentioned ?

Shri M. C. Shah : I am afraid I cannot divulge it in public interest as long as the whole thing is not over.

Shri Ramananda Das : May I know the names of the companies against whom reports have been made ?

Sri M. C. Shah : I cannot disclose the names of the companies, because that will have very wide repercussions so far as those companies are concerned.

Shri Morarka : May I know whether Government propose to constitute a panel out of which only the inspectors can be appointed ?

Shri M. C. Shah : We have not considered that aspect so far, but we shall now consider it, as the suggestion has come from the hon. Member.

HELICOPTERS

*636. **Shri R. K. Gupta :** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state :

(a) the number of helicopters purchased during the current year ;

(b) the price of each type of helicopter purchased ; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred ?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi) : (a) Nil.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shri G. S. Singh : May I know whether the reply to part (a) of the question is 'Nil' because the Minister has not been able to make up his mind as to the type of helicopter, or because he does not want to buy any helicopter at all ?

Shri Tyagi : I am afraid that does not arise out of this question. The hon. Member had enquired whether we had purchased any helicopters last year. I said, none.

Shri G. S. Singh : That does arise out of this. Why not ? Why was no helicopter purchased ?

Shri Tyagi : It is not our custom to buy helicopters every year. Therefore, I said, no.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस समय डिफेंस मिनिस्ट्री (प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय) के पास कितने हेलीकोप्टर्स हैं और उनका किस तरह से उपयोग किया जा रहा है ?

श्री त्यागी : हेलीकोप्टर्स अभी हमारी आर्म्ड फोर्सिस (सशस्त्र बल) में हाल में ही चालू किये गये हैं, और अभी तक सिर्फ तीन हेलीकोप्टर खरीदे गये हैं। कुछ और खरीदने की बात हो रही है।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : अपने यह उत्तर नहीं दिया कि किस प्रकार उनका उपयोग किया जा रहा है, यानी कैसी कैसी परिस्थितियों में उनका उपयोग किया जा रहा है। क्या यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे ?

Mr. Speaker : I shall not allow that question. The question as to what their object is, and where they are used, does not arise out of this.

Shri Joachim Alva : Is there a serious attempt to manufacture helicopters at the Hindustan Aircrafts ?

Shri Tyagi : No.