

श्री श्रीर जिसके दस फीसदी जीप्स को देख कर यह कह दिया था कि They are as good as new, ऐसा कह कर हिन्दुस्तान को खाना किया था लेकिन बम्बई आन पर मालूम हुआ कि उनमें से एक भी जीप ठीक नहीं है

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow this question. I understand Hindi as much as the hon. Member does.

Shri Wodeyar: May I know how many jeeps were purchased by the Government, what is the total value and how the Government came into contact with these firms?

Dr. Katju: I do not know about this.

Mr. Speaker: The question may be interesting but we are going back to all those details relating to their formation, partnership, etc.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Some of these details are very material.

Mr. Speaker: They may be material but they do not arise out of this question.

TRAINING IN GEODESY

***811. Ch. Raghbir Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some students were selected for training in Geodesy;

(b) if so, the basis of their selection; and

(c) their number State-wise?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 18.]

Ch. Raghbir Singh: May I know the total number of persons selected in these years?

Dr. M. M. Das: In the original question, no specific year was mentioned and so we took 1949-50, when the two scholars for research training in geodesy were selected. Two were selected in that year.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether the two candidates selected in 1954-55 have completed their training, and if so, whether they have been absorbed in service by the Government for further work in this regard?

Dr. M. M. Das: Unfortunately, out of the two candidates selected one did not join and the other discontinued training within a month of joining.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether the candidates selected in the year 1949-50 completed their training and were utilised by the Government?

Dr. M. M. Das: One was appointed as a lecturer before the completion of the training at the Indian Institute of Technology at Kharagpur and the other went to the Survey of India So, they did not finish their training.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether there is a plan for research in this regard? What is the amount proposed to be spent in the current year?

Dr. M. M. Das: Due to absence of suitable scholars, we have dropped the scheme.

PAY AND PENSIONS OF INDIAN ARMY PERSONNEL

***812. Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the changes brought about in the Pay and Pensions of the Indian Army Personnel of all ranks (excluding Commissioned Officers) since Independence; and

(b) how they compare with the scales of Pay and Pensions during the War and immediately before War?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 19.]

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know whether Government is aware of the fact that there are still some ranks in the Indian army getting no increment in the whole of their service—for instance, subedar-major — and if so, whether the Government will consider this question?

Shri Tyagi: In the case of subedar-majors my hon. friend was anxious to know as to why no increment has been given after the pre-war or war-time scales. I am to inform him that prior to the war their *pay used to be Rs. 45 per month and during the war about Rs. 50 a month. Now, it ranges from Rs. 67 to Rs. 94 per month.

Sardar Iqbal Singh: My question was this. There is no increment given to some ranks of the Indian Army. Will the Government consider this point in the interest of efficiency and work of the Army?

Shri Tyagi: I would request the hon. Member to put a specific question about this.

Shri U. M. Trivedi: May I know if some of the retired army personnel are getting as low a pension as Rs. 4 per month? Has the Government any idea of increasing their pensions in view of the fact that nothing could be done in these days with Rs. 4 a month?

Shri Tyagi: Previously the pension used to be as low as Rs. 4. The old pensioners who retired long ago will continue to get the old pensions. Now the minimum pension which an ordinary sepoy will get is Rs. 15 a month.

Shri U. M. Trivedi: Will Government increase the pension of those pensioners to this minimum level?

Shri Tyagi: It is difficult to take into account all the pensioners who have been getting their pension and who retired about twenty or fifteen years back. It is only since the time when the Constitution came into force that the rate of pension has been increased.

श्री अजित सिंह: क्या यह सत्य है कि जवान जब १२ १३ वर्ष सविस्तर कर लेते हैं तो उनको यह कह कर निकाल दिया जाता है "Service no longer required" तो क्या इसका उनकी पेंशन पर एफ़ैक्ट नहीं पड़ता है?

श्री त्यागी: ऐसे लोगों की जो कि १२, १३ वर्ष सविस्तर कर चुकते हैं उनको अगर मस्टर आउट किया जाता है तो उनको मस्टरिंग आउट की पेंशन दी जाती है।

Shri Matthen: May I know if the hon. Minister is satisfied that the present scale of pay of the Army personnel including commissioned officers is attracting the best youth that we want?

Shri Tyagi: I may point out that I have replied a number of times that in comparison with the general scale and standard of wages in the country the Government feels that the present scale is not inappropriate.

Shrimati Ammu Swaminadhan: May I ask if the Government is giving the same facilities to the children of the pensioners that they used to get before in giving them free education? May I know if that is being continued today?

Shri Tyagi: The hon. Member perhaps means the little allowance which was given to the children of those families whose earning member died as a soldier. That is known as family pension. That is continuing. We have further raised the rate. Previously it was less. Now I think it is double of what it used to be in the past.