

**Sardar Iqbal Singh:** May I know whether at the end of these exercises, some reports are sent to the Government of India by the officer in charge of the joint exercises, and if so, whether any opinions have been expressed therein about the officers of the Indian Navy?

**Sardar Majithia:** No reports are submitted. But I can quote the opinion of Earl Mountbatten. He says that the Indian Navy is in no way inferior to the Royal Navy.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** Too much of a boast.

**Shri Nambiar:** It is an exaggeration.

**Shri Kamath:** The Minister is laughing at himself.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. What is the object of these interruptions? Is it the hon. Members' intention that the Indian Navy should be absolutely useless? Hon. Members are here not to create gibes, jokes and this and that. They should try to use the question hour to the best of their advantage, by extracting as many answers as possible. If any other person were to hear these interruptions, it will appear that hon. Members are very sorry that such things are happening.

**Shri N. C. Chatterjee:** We were sorry that the Minister is not realising his own shortcomings and is really exaggerating.

**Shri Kamath:** What my hon. friend said was not that the Indian Navy was useless, but that the answer was not useful.

**Shri Nambiar:** To say that it compares with the Royal Navy is too much. We do not want any exaggeration to be made. That is all that we were sorry for.

#### STATE BANK OF INDIA

\*1641. **Shri Ramachandra Reddi:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the gross profits of the State Bank of India for the half year of its existence?

**The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha):** The gross profits of the State Bank of India for the half-year ended the 31st December, 1955 amounted to Rs. 3.51 crores.

**Shri Ramachandra Reddi:** May I know the amount of profit of the Imperial Bank of India for the corresponding months of the previous year?

**Shri A. C. Guha:** I think the performance in the last half year is rather better. For the six months ending 31st December 1954, the profit was Rs. 3.12 crores; for the next months ending 30th June 1955, the profit was Rs. 3.27 crores and for the next six months under the State Bank of India, it was Rs. 3.52 crores.

**Shri Ramachandra Reddi:** May I know whether there has been any enhancement in the staff and the emoluments during this period under the State Bank of India?

**Shri A. C. Guha:** Yes, there has to be an enhancement in the emoluments, that has to be done because of the Bank Award. That would amount to about Rs. 23 lakhs; some other increments also account for Rs. 12 lakhs.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I know whether it has come to the notice of Government that there has been criticism reported in a section of the Press based on the speech of the Chairman, Dr. John Mathai, that the percentage of increase in the level of deposits as well as in the level of advances has not come up to the standard that has been attained by other scheduled banks in the country?

**Shri A. C. Guha:** I do not think that is quite correct. Anyhow, I would like to have specific notice.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** May I know whether the State Bank of India is following the same pattern of investment as was followed during the Imperial Bank's time?

**Shri A. C. Guha:** I think they have been following more or less the same pattern, except that they will go more in respect of rural credit.

**Dr. Gangadhara Siva:** In view of the enormous profit earned by the Bank, I would like to know whether Government intend to nationalise all banks, as has been done in the case of insurance companies.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is a suggestion for action.

#### RECRUITMENT TO DEFENCE SERVICES

\*1642. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that recruitment to Defence Services is made on merit of the candidate as distinct from mere academic qualifications?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia):** Yes, Sir; although possession of the prescribed minimum academic qualifications is insisted upon.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** May I enquire what has been the result of this system of recruitment on the efficiency of those enrolled thereby?

**Sardar Majithia:** As I said, it is entirely on merit and therefore, efficiency is always there.

#### RURAL UNIVERSITIES

\*1644. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have directed the State Governments to start with the Scheme of establishing Rural Universities; and

(b) whether the expenditure to be incurred on this Scheme will be borne by the Centre or the State Governments?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das):** (a) and (b). The State Governments have been addressed to finance, on a sharing basis, the development of the Rural Institutes selected by the Government and not to set up rural

Universities. I may add that, as mentioned in the question, the Union Government have no constitutional authority to issue any directive to the State Governments regarding this matter.

**Shri Radha Raman:** In view of what the Parliamentary Secretary has said, may I know whether there exists in any State any Rural University according to the type of scheme which he has just now mentioned?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** I have said that the scheme envisaged is not for the establishment of any Rural University but for the establishment of Rural Institutes. There are ten such Institutes situated in more or less rural areas which have been selected by Government for giving financial aid.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** What is the percentage of expenditure borne by the Centre?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** The suggestion that has been sent to the State Governments for sharing the expenditure on the Institutes is as follows: For non-recurring expenditure, the Central Government are prepared to pay two-thirds, the State Governments are being asked to pay one-third; for recurring expenditure, the Centre will pay one-third and the State Governments have been requested to pay two-thirds.

**Shri Radha Raman:** May I know what are the functions and special features of these Rural Institutes?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** I would refer the hon. Member to the report that has been submitted by the Shrimali Committee.

#### महिला कान्स्टेबल

\*१६४५. डा० सत्यबाबी : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली पुलिस सेवा में महिला कान्स्टेबलों के पदों के लिये न्यूनतम अर्हतायें वही हैं, जो पुरुषों के लिये हैं और यदि नहीं, तो उनमें क्या भेद है; और

(ख) पुरुषों की अपेक्षा महिला कान्स्टेबलों के वेतनों तथा भत्तों में क्या अन्तर है ?