

Shri Matthen : May I know whether there is any truth in the criticism among well-informed circles that the Assam Oil Company is deliberately going slow with the exploration work in the interest of the refineries who are importing crude oil from outside?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : This question has not much of relevance to the enquiry made by my hon. friend Shri Dabhi.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : Is it being done independently of this particular oil company?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : Yes. This is being done by us, that is, the Government of India. The Assam Oil Company is doing work in Assam on its own account.

Dr. Rama Rao : In view of the chances of finding oil, according to the reports available, may I know what steps Government propose to take to avoid the time-lag between the finding of the oil and the exploration work?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : We are taking all steps to see that there is no time-lag, and a continuity is maintained right from the stage of search for oil up to the stage of production and refining.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : Next question.

Shri Bansal *rose*—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : Hon. Members must be quick in rising. As soon as an hon. Member wants to put a supplementary question, he should rise immediately; even though four or five hon. Members get up simultaneously, I shall bear all of them in mind, and I shall call them one after the other.

Shri Bansal : Some Members are quick.

INDIAN NAVY

*188. **Sardar Hukam Singh :** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the Indian

Navy towards self-sufficiency in training during 1955-56 so far; and

(b) the number of Indians sent abroad for training in Navy during this period?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi) : (a) and (b). A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 4.]

Sardar Hukam Singh : May I know the branch in which we still require to send our men abroad for training?

Shri Tyagi : Till 1952, we were sending all officers of the Navy for foreign training. But now the number sent abroad has been drastically reduced. Only in the branches of communication, gunnery, torpedo and anti-submarine, navigation direction, survey ordnance and naval construction and road conversion, our officers are sent for highly specialised courses.

Sardar Hukam Singh : What about the torpedo and anti-submarine schools? May I know whether they would start training our boys during this year or they will take some more time?

Shri Tyagi : Not this year. They will take time. Only recently Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 185 lakhs for the purpose of buying the instruments and machinery for all Naval training institutions. After these instruments and machinery arrive and they are set up in the schools, the training will start.

Sardar Hukam Singh : Is there any estimate of time as to when these two schools, the torpedo and anti-submarine school as well as the signal school, would be ready to impart education to our boys?

Shri Tyagi : I would require notice.

Shri Shree Narayan Das : May I know the names of the countries to which our officers are sent for training in this respect?

Shri Tyagi: They are mostly sent to U. K.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Do Government think that there will be a time when we shall be self-sufficient in all these matters?

Shri Tyagi: Gradually, we are reducing the number of persons sent abroad for training. In 1952, 225 were sent, whereas this year only 66 have been sent.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Are not different branches of defence just giving rise to different branches on other matters in which specialised training will be required continuously?

Shri Tyagi: I could not follow the question.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Nor have I been able to follow the question. Next Question.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: I am just explaining it

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member must be quick in rising. I have already allowed the hon. Member to put four supplementary questions.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether we had any naval exercises during the last few years in collaboration with other countries for the purpose of giving practical training to our boys who have been recruited newly?

Shri Tyagi: Such exercises are had practically every year.

CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION CERTIFICATES

*189. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the reasons which compelled the Union Public Service Commission to postpone implementation of its earlier decision to withdraw recognition of the Cambridge Higher

School certificate as a qualification for candidates for recruitment to the Indian Police Service?

The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): It was decided to withdraw recognition of Cambridge Higher School Certificate because this certificate was not considered equivalent to a degree of an Indian University. The question, however, whether a degree itself should be regarded as an essential qualification for the public services, and if so, at what levels, has been referred by Government to a Committee for consideration. It was, therefore, felt that the report of this Committee should be awaited before withdrawing recognition to a certificate which has enjoyed such recognition for about twenty years.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know whether the decision was taken without referring the matter to the body as stated by the hon. Minister and what are the reasons behind withdrawing recognition at that time?

Shri Datar: Sir, at every stage we were acting in consultation with and on the advice of the UPSC in this and other respects.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: The hon. Minister referred to that committee. It was appointed last year some time in May or June and the report was expected within some months. But, now he says the committee's report is still awaited. May I know when the committee's report is expected?

Shri Datar: We are expecting the report by the end of next month.

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*१६०. श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री २२ दिसम्बर १९५५ को दिये गये तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ११६० के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि तब से अब तक कितने असैनिक स्कूल मास्टर्स को दूसरे रोजगार दिये गये हैं?

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