

Shri Gopaldaswami: Special features? I do not know what the hon. member is referring to. If he could mention any specific thing, I can find out.

Sardar Hukum Singh: I want to know whether the courses of training that was given to these cadets during British times are still continuing identically or any changes have been introduced in their training since we got our freedom?

Shri Gopaldaswami: Well, Sir, a great many changes have been introduced since the British left.

SALT RESEARCH STATION

*2025. **Shri Shivnanjappa:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to establish a Salt Research Station in India;

(b) if so, when and where it is to be started; and

(c) the details of cost and management be given to the House?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to establish a Salt Research Station at Bhavnagar in Saurashtra under the administrative control of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 1.]

Shri Shivnanjappa: What is the progress made by this Salt Research Station up till now?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The scheme has just started; the Saurashtra Government have leased out land and buildings to the Government of India for starting the work.

Shri Shivnanjappa: Do they conduct research both in common salt as well as in chemical salts?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir. The object of the Research Station is to carry out experiments in all salts.

Shri Punnoose: May I know, Sir, the circumstances that make this research necessary?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Sir, it was felt that the steps were necessary to improve the quality of salt produced in the country and also to make it cheap

and, therefore, to standardize it and also to utilise the by-products. For these reasons it was considered necessary to set up this Research Station.

Shri Nana Das: May I know, Sir, the progress of the Salt Research Station at Wadala in Bombay?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Sir, under the scheme certain salt 'pilot' farms have also been proposed and Wadala is one of those places where it is going to be set up.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know, Sir, whether any foreign expert has been invited to aid research?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am not aware of any foreign expert being invited.

Sardar Hukum Singh: Would there be a model farm in this Station which is set up in Saurashtra?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir. It is proposed to be set up under the scheme.

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी: क्या माननीय मंत्री से मैं यह पूछ सकता हूँ कि सौराष्ट्र में जिस स्थान पर साल्ट रिसर्च स्टेशन बनाया है, वहाँ पर रिसर्च के लिए क्या सुविधाएँ हैं ?

श्री के० डी० मालवीय: सौराष्ट्र इस प्रकार की रिसर्च के लिए एक सुविधाजनक स्थान है, इस लिए भावनगर चुना गया कि वहाँ पर यह रिसर्च स्टेशन कायम किया जाये।

PRICES OF CEREALS, GOLD AND SILVER

*2026. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the lowest prices reached in 1952 per maund of cereals, pulses, raw-cotton, and oil-seeds and also of gold and silver; and

(b) what are the prices in each case on 1st June, 1952?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). A statement giving the necessary information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 2.]

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Sir, have the prices, especially of raw cotton, now been stabilised and if so, what is the percentage of increase over the lowest figures reached by raw cotton?

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: In regard to the second part of the question, the hon. member can get the information, as the figures are given in the statement and he can work out the percentage. As to the first part, it is very difficult to say at any stage if prices have become stabilised.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Has the hon. Minister calculated the national gain as a result of this temporary slump in prices of raw cotton? If so, what is the amount or how does he calculate it?

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: No, Sir.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: What assistance does Government propose to give in similar circumstances in the next year, if such circumstances arise?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri K. Subrahmanyan: Has the decision to stop the food subsidies to the States been prompted by a desire to offset the general fall in prices?

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: No, Sir.

Shri Bansal: Are Government going to take any steps to arrest the rise in prices which has been taking place in recent months?

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: Well, Sir, over a short term it is not possible to formulate a policy in regard to arresting the rise in prices. It must be remembered that we are considering prices today as compared with the lowest prices reached in March and it may be that there is nothing disquieting in the rise that has taken place so far.

ACADEMY OF DANCE, DRAMA AND MUSIC

*2031. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish an Indian Academy of Dance, Drama and Music;

(b) when this academy is expected to start functioning; and

(c) the cost involved in establishing this academy?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Academy is in the process of being formed.

(c) No exact estimate can be given at this stage.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether Government proposes to create a cultural trust for organising the

literary and musical activities of the country?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: That is a suggestion for action, Sir.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: It is not a suggestion, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: It is a suggestion. In fact, I was going to remark that it was a suggestion for action but if the hon. Minister was going to reply I had no objection.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Is Government aware of the good work done in this direction by non-official organisations like the Indian People's Theatre Association to which the Prime Minister bore testimony, and also of the discouragement which is given to such organisations as by the discharge of Central Government employees on account of association with the Indian People's Theatre Association?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. It is giving information.....

Shri Kelappan: Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of helping with funds institutions started by the distinguished artists as it will be more fruitful?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Government will certainly consider sympathetically any cases that are brought to their notice.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Has the Government taken a census of institutions which teach dancing, drama and music and, if so, how many institutions of each kind are there in the country?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I require notice to answer this question.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: May I know whether the music and drama referred to include also Karnatak music of South India?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Certainly.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether this Academy will take up the popularisation of Kathakali and Bharatanatyam?

Mr. Speaker: I think he is going into details.

Shri S. N. Das: In view of the fact that this Academy of music, drama and dancing is going to be started, may I know whether the proposal of starting a Hindustani Music Academy which was to have been located at Lucknow has been abandoned?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: This question relates to the creation of a National