

Shri Ramachandra Reddi : May I know what arrangements are being made for the recruitment of technical personnel to the new project especially when certain other project works are about to be closed down?

Shri Hathi : I have a number of times stated here in the House the various machinery which we have set up in order to transfer personnel from one river valley project to another whenever they are available. There is a separate directorate set up. We have also prepared a plan for having an Employment Exchange there only for the river valley projects as and when we get personnel there and when there is need there. That arrangement will be made.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi : May I know whether the same policy is being pursued with regard to the transfer of useful machinery and surplus machinery in some of these projects?

Shri Hathi : That is being done.

Dr. Rama Rao : In view of the great shortage of cement in the country and in view of the huge quantities required for the Nagarjuna Sagar project, will the Government be pleased to advise the Andhra Government—our information is that they have requested the Government—to set up a cement factory, especially for this project?

Shri Hathi : It is a suggestion for action.

ALL INDIA RADIO

*1435. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy :** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the number of News Editors, Assistant News Editors, Sub-Editors in Indian Languages working in the News Division of All India Radio ;

(b) how many of them are permanent ;

(c) whether it is a fact that although some of them have completed more than seven years' service, yet

they have not been made permanent so far ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar) : (a) and (b) A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 29].

(c) and (d): The question of confirmation could not be taken up in view of the ban on confirmations imposed by the Ministry of Home Affairs which was lifted only in July 1955. Their cases for confirmation are now under consideration with particular reference to their inclusion in the News and Information Cadre, which is being formed.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy : According to the statement, only three out of 97 have got confirmation so far. May I know what is the principle which guided the Ministry in confirming only three out of 97? What is the scheme for confirmation?

Dr. Keskar : The hon. Member, as an experienced parliamentarian, knows that confirmation may be done against permanent post if they exist. The News Services Division of the All India Radio has expanded suddenly only after 1948-49. Most of these appointments were from that date. There were no posts to confirm these people. As I said, from 1949, due to the influx of a large number of government servants from what is now Pakistan, it was decided by the Home Ministry that no confirmation can take place until further orders and that ban has been existing up to very recently. In fact, we were instrumental in having that ban lifted and the whole question is now engaging our attention.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy : Am I to take it that all these 97 persons who are on the temporary list will be absorbed very soon and they will be confirmed very soon within a short period?

Dr. Keskar : Of these 97, those who are eligible according to the rules will certainly be absorbed.

Shri Velayudhan : May I know whether most of these posts are contract posts with the result that there is difficulty in the people getting security and why the ban of the Home Ministry has not yet been taken away?

Mr. Speaker : I think he has said that the ban has been lifted.

Dr. Keskar : In the News Services Division, there is no contract post. It is in the Press Information Bureau that contract posts exist. As I said, the ban has been taken by the Home Ministry.

USE OF AMERICAN ARMS BY PAKISTAN

***1436. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian army have captured certain arms and ammunition used by Pakistani forces at Hussainiwala and other border areas which were recently attacked by them;

(b) if so, whether those arms have been examined; and

(c) whether as a result of the examination of those arms, it has been found that American arms were used by the Pakistani forces while attacking the Indian border?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) Some arms used by Pakistani forces were captured at Hussainiwala.

(b) and (c) The arms have been examined. They are not of American origin.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh : Having regard to the numerous border incidents that have followed one another and the heavy firings resorted to by Pakistan, may I know whether this waste of fire-arms would have been

possible if Pakistan had not been receiving free supply of fire arms from America?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): It is rather an extraordinary question. I really do not know what the hon. Member is driving at by his laboured argument.

Shri B. S. Murthy : May I know whether the Parliamentary Secretary is in a position to tell us the make of the arms found in the area?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : Only bren guns, sten guns, grenades and some rifles.

Shri B. S. Murthy : I wanted the answer as to the country in which these arms had been made. Is there any possibility of knowing it.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : I have not got that information. All I can say is that they are not American.

Shri G. P. Sinha : May I know whether the arms seized in the Pakistan border recently are of Pakistan manufacture?

Mr. Speaker : The last portion of it is not audible.

Shri G. P. Sinha : I wanted to know whether the arms seized on the Pakistan border were manufactured in Pakistan?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : Is the hon. Member referring to these few arms captured or generally about the...

Shri G. P. Sinha : These arms recently seized on the Pakistan border.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : I am sorry I cannot say.

Shri Kamath : *rose*—

Mr. Speaker : We have had a number of questions.

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***1437. Shri Kamath :** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a reported statement of the