

405, is in foreign exchange, and if so, whether Government will consider the advisability of advising the contractors not to employ foreign people but to do the work with Indians?

Sardar Swaran Singh: We do not provide foreign exchange directly to the employees of the contractors.

Shri Kodiyar: May I know by what time the foreign experts on operation will be completely replaced by Indians?

Sardar Swaran Singh: When the construction will be over, the construction people will go.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether any Indians are being trained outside for these expert jobs, and if so, their number.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is there in the statement already.

Sardar Swaran Singh: They are being trained abroad, both for construction as well as for operation.

Shri Morarka: From the statement, it appears that there are more than 517 foreign experts in Rourkela, and yet, the German papers have said that for lack of foreign experts, the future of Rourkela is not safe, and they have recommended a team for looking after it. May I know whether Government propose to keep these 517 people in Raurkela for a year or so?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The project authorities have obviously little control over the number of people that are brought at the construction stage. We are not responsible to give them salaries, and it is really for the people who are in charge of construction to make the best possible arrangements. The hon. Member must have noticed that the larger proportion is under the head 'Construction'. On the operational side, suggestions have been made that some more German technicians may be required. That is a matter which is being examined by the technical experts in the Hindu-

stan Steel Ltd., and if necessary, some of them will be replaced, or some more may be brought in.

World Music Conference in Tokyo

*1589. **Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether an East-West Music Encounter, a world music conference and a festival of music will be held in Tokyo in April, 1961;

(b) if so, whether the Government of India have decided to participate therein; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard so far?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) A Cultural Delegation consisting of Indian Music Scholars, dancers and musicians has been sent to participate in the World Music Conference and Festival commencing 17th April, 1961.

Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: May I know the names of the countries that are likely to participate in the conference, and what branch of Indian music is likely to be presented by the Indian team, whether it will be classical music or light type of music or instrumental music?

Shri Humayun Kabir: We do not organise this conference, and, therefore, we do not know the names of all the countries that have been invited. But, so far as India is concerned, it will be classical music, that will be presented.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know the composition of the Indian contingent, whether it will include only classical musicians, and if so, the number of musicians and their names?

Shri Humayun Kabir: There are music scholars, as I said, and there are also music items, both vocal

and instrumental, and dance (*Bharatanatyam*, and *Kathakali*). Some of the best artistes in India are going to participate.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: How are they selected? May I know whether the artistes were selected by a panel? Who selected them?

Shri Humayun Kabir: There is a regular procedure laid down for the selection of artistes. We have a special committee in which experts are consulted; there are also representatives of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and also one representative from my Ministry, and they select. But, in this particular case, the sponsors had also indicated their preference for certain very well known Indian scholars and participants.

Sari D. C. Sharma: May I know whether this conference is going to deal only with the theory of music or it is also going to have demonstrations of actual music performances?

Shri Humayun Kabir: It will have both.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know who is the leader of the Indian contingent and what contribution he has made either to scholarship or to actual performance?

Shri Humayun Kabir: We have selected as leader Thakore Jaidev Singh, Chief Producer, All, India Radio. His is a very well-known name, both on the side of theory and practice.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know who will represent vocal music?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I have got four names here—Dagar brothers and Shri Purushottam Das.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: How many persons have been deputed for the World Music Conference at Tokyo?

Shri Humayun Kabir: 30 people were selected, but one of them could not go.

Plane for Prime Minister's Tour

*1591. **Shri Kumbhar:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any space in the plans used by the Prime Minister for carrying essential spare parts and tool box for use in case of emergency as recently happened in Cairo while the Prime Minister was coming back to India from London; and

(b) what other precautions are being taken to avoid such occurrences in future?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT

The Air Force aircraft which are employed to convey the Prime Minister for his tours within India or abroad, always carry appropriate ground crew, necessary technical equipment and limited spare parts for servicing the aircraft at out-stations.

2. In respect of the flights undertaken by the Prime Minister on Air India's services, precautions taken from air-worthiness angle are as follows:—

- (i) A very senior Engineer of the Corporation is detailed to carry out duplicate inspections on all the work that is carried out prior to departure of the aircraft from India.
- (ii) A senior Engineer accompanies the flight to render any technical advice at out-stations with a view to minimising any technical delay that may occur.
- (iii) For the Prime Minister's flight ex-India, it has always been the practice to keep another stand-by aircraft completely ready whenever aircraft position permits.