

(b) if so, full details and cause of the accident; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government of India in connection therewith?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah):** (a) to (c). On the 7th April, 1961, a jeep belonging to No. 2 Battalion, the Jat Regiment met with an accident while trying to over-take a civilian truck near NDJILI bridge in Leopoldville. As a result, all the eight Indian soldiers travelling in the jeep were injured, two of them seriously. Of these two, one succumbed his injuries later in the hospital; the second one is progressing satisfactorily. A court of enquiry has been convened to enquire into the circumstances of the accident.

**Shri Raghunath Singh:** Who was at fault, the jeep or the truck?

**Shri Raghuramaiah:** As I have said, a court of enquiry has been convened to enquire into the circumstances of the accident. But I might say that according to our present information the accident occurred while the jeep was trying to overtake a civilian truck.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know how many accidents there have been all these days ever since our army went to the Congo and what precaution Government propose to take to prevent such accidents?

**Shri Raghuramaiah:** So far as my information goes, we are only aware of this. But if my hon. friend puts a separate question, I shall furnish the necessary information. As regards the precautions, I should say that our armed forces can be trusted to take all the necessary precautions for their safety.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** May I know whether the speed restrictions which are strictly adhered to in this country are also followed in the Congo by our troops?

**Shri Raghuramaiah:** I have no specific information in this, but I presume that if there is such a restriction, our forces would follow them.

### Diploma of Rural Services

\*1740. **Shri B. C. Mullick:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1425 on the 10th April, 1961 and state the action taken by the Government of India on the recommendations made by the Inter-University Board at its meeting held recently at Dharwar regarding recognition by Universities of the diplomas of rural institutes?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** The Universities in India were addressed on 1st March, 1961 to accord necessary recognition to the Diploma in Rural Services for purposes of admission to Post-graduate courses. The matter is being pursued.

**Shri B. C. Mullick:** May I know how many State Governments have recognised this diploma for appointment in government services?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** All the Public Service Commissions, except those of Gujerat, Jammu and Kashmir and Orissa have recognised the diploma as equivalent to B.A. We have also written to the universities and those of Allahabad, Bihar, Bombay, Delhi, Kurukshetra, Marathwada, Nagpur, Poona, Saugar, and Sri Venkateshwara have written to us that they are placing the matter before the appropriate authorities at the next meeting.

**Shri Basappa:** Even for admitting the bright students of these institutions is there any objection on the part of the universities?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** There is no objection. This matter was considered at the last meeting of the Inter-University Board and I am glad to say that the Inter-University Board recognised the good work that is being done by these institutions and have given recognition to their courses. This will mean that the students who are going out of these institutions will be able to seek admission for post-graduate courses in the Universities.

**Shri Basappa:** In all subjects or only some subjects?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** In some subjects in Humanities which are related to the courses in rural institutions.

**डा० गोविन्द दास :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि अब तक कितने विद्यार्थियों को यह ग्रामीण सेवाओं का डिप्लोमा दिया जा चुका है और क्या यह कार्य सब के लिए एक सा ही है, या अलग अलग जगहों पर अलग अलग प्रकार का है ।

**डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली :** इन इंस्टीट्यूट्स में भिन्न भिन्न प्रकार के कोर्सज हैं—रूरल सर्विसज के लिये डिप्लोमा है, इंजीनियरिंग और मैनिटरी इंस्पेक्टर के लिये कोर्सज हैं, इत्यादि । जहां तक विद्यार्थियों की संख्या का सम्बन्ध है, वह अभी मेरे पास नहीं है । यदि माननीय सदस्य नोटिस देंगे तो बताूंगा ।

**Shri Balraj Madhok:** May I know how many such institutions there are in the country and what is their distribution State-wise?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** I said I shall need notice to answer that question. I may inform the hon. Member that there are at present ten or eleven institutions all over the country. They are spread all over the country. Their examinations are conducted by the National Council of Rural Education and diplomas are awarded.

#### Smoke in East Patel Nagar

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\*1741. { **Shri Balraj Madhok:**  
**Shri Braj Raj Singh:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that on the evening of 10th April, 1961 the East Patel Nagar locality of Delhi was enveloped in thick pungent smoke causing severe panic among the residents of the areas; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the smoke was due to the burning of smoke bombs by military personnel nearby?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia):** (a) Government have seen reports which have appeared in the press, that some concern was caused in the residential locality of East Patel Nagar due to smoke coming from a military establishment.

(b) The smoke was due to the burning of smoke candles by the military authorities, in the course of military training.

This smoke was not injurious.

**Shri Balraj Madhok:** Will Government take steps to shift the military establishment from there, as it is surrounded on all sides by thickly populated areas.

**Sardar Majithia:** The military establishment is not going to be shifted. Normally this work is done in the open, Tughlakabad range, but as the range was not available at the time it was done in this area. Normally it is not done in that area.

**Shri Balraj Madhok:** This has happened before too, because the area is nearby; it is not the first time.

**Sardar Majithia:** This is the first time.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is the first time, he says.

**श्री बजरज सिंह :** इस बात को देखते हुए कि इस मिलिटरी संस्थान से वहां आस पास के लोगों को ऐसे धुएं से परेशानी हो सकती है, क्या भविष्य में इस बात का अहतियात रखा जाएगा कि जब इस तरह का कोई काम हो तो आस पास के निवासियों को पूर्व सूचना दे दी जाए कि इस तरह का काम होने को है, जिससे कि वे उसके बारे में सावधान हो जाएं ।

**Sardar Majithia:** It is a suggestion for action. As I have said already, since the range of Tughlakabad was