

Ministry talked at the recent meeting of Headmasters of Public Schools, a tone very different from that of the hon. Minister?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** I am not aware that any difference of opinion was expressed by the Secretary.

**Shri Sonavane rose—**

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members can table questions separately.

#### Housing for other Ranks

\*2119. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any project to build housing accommodation for the troops in which the armed personnel will themselves provide the labour;

(b) if so, the nature thereof; and

(c) when work of constructing houses under the same will be begun?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence (Shri Fatesinghrao Gaekwad):** (a) Yes.

(b) Accommodation will be mainly for married other ranks and Junior Commissioned Officers and according to army specifications and having regard to considerations of economy.

(c) No definite date has been fixed.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know why this consideration is being given only to married persons and not to unmarried persons?

**Shri Tyagi:** Because the unmarried person has no wife!

**Mr. Speaker:** It does not call for an answer.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** From the answer of the hon. Minister, it appears that this will be restricted to JCOs only. May I know whether this scheme is being extended to other ranks also?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** The answer which

the Parliamentary Secretary gave was that the bulk of this accommodation was for married other ranks. The next group is the JCOs and next, officers. If he wants the figure I shall give them.

**Mr. Speaker:** Not necessary.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** May I know whether the troops construct accommodation for themselves, because I could not hear the hon. Parliamentary Secretary's answer clearly? In the question it is asked:

"whether Government have any project to build housing accommodation for the troops in which the armed personnel will themselves provide the labour;"

Is there any scheme with the Government where the military people themselves construct?

**Shri Fatesinghrao Gaekwad:** Yes.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** May I know the place where these people have undertaken this work?

**Shri Fatesinghrao Gaekwad:** The work is to be first undertaken at Ambala.

**Sardar Iqbal Singh:** May I know whether any sum has been earmarked for the construction of houses for other ranks; and, if so, what is the amount for this year?

**Shri Krishna Menon:** The scheme is an entire one. We cannot separate other ranks, non-commissioned officers and J.C.Os and troops nor the locations. So far as this accommodation is concerned, the bulk of the accommodation is for other ranks.

**Himalaya Bank Limited, Kangra**

\*2120. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inspection Party sent by the Reserve Bank of India to investigate into the allegations of certain favourites of the directors of the Himalaya Bank Ltd., Kangra has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to safeguard the rights