

self. But when we made enquiries we found that it was a personal affair.

Shri Hem Barua: Does it not come within the purview of pornographic literature?

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether the West Indian cricket team..

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. The hon. Minister seems to feel that it is a private affair. Anyhow, whoever comes to this country and attends such parties, whether arranged by Government or by private individuals, will carry some of these reminiscences with them when they go back, which will not be in our interest.

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: I fully share the feelings of the hon. Members. But the difficulty is that this is entirely a private affair. Somebody invited a team for dinner and the menu card was not in good taste. It may be that some people think it is in bad taste and others think it is in good taste. How is the Government concerned with this private affair? What can the Government do when a private person arranges a dinner where these menu cards are given? It is beyond our purview. If we do this, we would have to go into the private life of each and every individual.

Shri Goray: It is not a question of going into the private life.

Shri Hem Barua: Some of our Ministers have attended the party.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Interpol Conference

*1726. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether interpol Conference of the South East Asiatic Countries was held at Lahore in the third week of January, 1960 in which India also participated.

(b) if so, the result of the Conference; and

(c) the part which India played in it?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) Yes. The Conference was held at Lahore from the 18th to the 23rd January, 1960.

(b) The meeting helped to promote co-operation and closer co-ordination between members in regard to measures for checking traffic in illicit drugs.

(c) The Indian delegates took an active part in all the discussion.

Shri Raghunath Singh: What was the object of the conference?

Shri G. B. Pant: The object was to consider the problems of illicit drugs and traffic in such drugs.

Shri Rami Reddy: May I know whether it is a fact that a Delhi girl was taken into custody by the Interpol in Austria because some dacoits or bandits had sent letters to the parents of the girl that unless some money is given as ransom the girl will be kidnapped? If so, what action has been taken by this Government?

Mr. Speaker: This question relates to the Conference at Lahore. All matters connected with Interpol are not before this House. Anyhow, this matter is constantly appearing in the newspapers.

Shri G. B. Pant: This conference was only required to deal with the question of traffic in illicit drugs and the like.

Republic Day

*1727. **Shri A. M. Tariq:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce the system of admission to the Republic Day Parade by tickets from next year onwards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence (Shri

Fatesinhrao Gaekwad: (a) and (b). The question of introducing a system of priced tickets for admission to the seated enclosures at Rajpath for the Republic Day Parade would require careful consideration which is being given.

Shri A. M. Tariq: May I know whether the Government can give us an idea of the amount spent every year on this parade?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): That does not arise out of this question.

Shri Ansar Harvani: Are the Government aware that while the erstwhile British stooges like Khan Saheb, Rai Sahebs and Knights are being invited to these functions, no invitation cards are issued to the martyrs of freedom struggle?

Shri Krishna Menon: Government is not aware of that.

Shri Radha Raman: In view of the long time and the huge amount that Government generally spent for temporary constructions on the parade ground may I know whether Government will consider having some permanent structures so as to save that money?

Mr. Speaker: That does not arise out of this question.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that the Republic Day celebrations are a jubilation for the people, what are the specific reasons for the Government considering the introduction of priced tickets?

Shri Krishna Menon: This is not for attending the Republic Day parade. Anybody can attend it. With regard to seats, obviously, it is not possible to construct seats to accommodate half a million people. Therefore, what is to be done about it is the question.

Shri A. M. Tariq: Have the Ministry any rules to guide them about to whom the invitations are to be issued?

Is it a fact that in the last year Republic Day parade they invited the Raja of Hunza, who invaded Gilgit and Ladakh along with the Pakistan army, as a VIP of our Government to watch the parade?

Shri Krishna Menon: There is a committee, but not necessarily of the Ministry of Defence. It is my recollection that the Prime Minister or some one like that is associated with this as chairman. I have no information whether any Raja was invited. I would require notice for that. Anyhow, I will enquire about it.

Shri Vajpayee: The hon. Minister has not given the reasons which are compelling the Government to have priced tickets for the visitors.

Mr. Speaker: He has already replied to that in answer to Shri Hem Barua.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether arrangements will be made for sending the tickets to the people who had applied for them in time because complaints have been received that there has been a lot of delay and inconvenience also?

Shri Krishna Menon: There is no special machinery for this. It has got to be done by the existing staff and we do send them as best as we can. Usually many people come and collect their tickets or send someone for it. If it is possible within the money available to do so, we shall do so.

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