

**Shri Tyagi:** Wherefrom?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** In West Bengal.

**Shri Tyagi:** Well, I have no information.

**Shri Nambiar:** In view of the fact that a large number of the employees are still to be confirmed, will the Government enquire into the matter and see that these men are confirmed as early as possible?

**Shri Tyagi:** As I have already assured the House, such of them as are deserving of confirmation will soon be confirmed.

**Shri Nambiar:** That is very vague, Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order.

#### COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR-GENERAL

\*401. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the fact that continuation of the offices of Comptroller and Auditor General under one person holding charge of the audit and account Departments at the same time is not considered appropriate Government have decided to separate the two; and

(b) if so, since when this is likely to take effect?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) and (b). Separation of accounts from audit is already in force in the case of Defence and Railways. Separation in other spheres is beset with difficulties at present as it involves considerable change in the existing organisation and will entail expansion of staff and extra expenditure.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know how long it will take to achieve this separation?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** It is a very difficult question. An experiment was tried as early as 1931 in one State and it had to be abandoned. The shortage of manpower is a chief obstacle, apart from expenditure. And the incidence of expenditure is also likely to shift from the Centre to the States. It is very difficult to give a categorical answer to this question. The desirability of some sort of separation has been accepted in principle, and for the rest we must wait.

#### TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS

\*402. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to

state how many technical institutions have been started in the country State-wise between 1950 and 1952?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** The number of Engineering and Technical Institutions awarding degrees and diplomas and started during 1950 and 1952 was one each in Punjab, U.P., Rajasthan and Saurashtra; 2 each in West Bengal, Bihar and Madras and three in Mysore. Information about institutions awarding certificates is not available.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** May I know how many persons have so far been trained in these institutions, and how many of them are engineers and engineering scientists?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** It is very difficult to give all the details about them. I have not got the information.

सेठ अचल सिंह: क्या मंत्री महोदय बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उत्तर प्रदेश में भी कोई ऐसा इंस्टीट्यूशन खोला गया है ?

[**Seth Achal Singh:** Will the hon. Minister please state whether any such institution has been set up in Uttar Pradesh also?]

श्री जगजीवन राम : हाँ, मैंने बताया तो कि उत्तर प्रदेश में भी एक खोला गया है।

[**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** As I have said already, one has been opened in Uttar Pradesh also?].

**Shri K. K. Basu:** May I know whether all the institutions are of the same standard?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** Some of them give degrees, some award diplomas. They are not of the same standard.

**Shri Barrow:** How many of these are State-aided and how many are purely Government institutions?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** Some are entirely State-owned; others are owned by private bodies. I am not sure whether State-aid is given to all by Government or not.

#### CANTONMENT BOARDS

\*403. **Pandit M. B. Bhargava:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) when the elections in the different cantonments of India were last held;