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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Wednesday, 23rd July, 1952

The House met at a Quarter Past
Eight of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

WOMEN CADETS

*2024. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether any women Cadets have so far been admitted to the National Defence Academy, Dehra Dun?

(b) What was the number of gentleman Cadets who completed their training during 1951-52 in this Academy and who were commissioned as officers?

(c) What is the number of Cadets now receiving training there?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopaldaswami): (a) No.

(b) 253.

(c) Joint Services Wing—485.

Military Wing—525.

Sardar Hukam Singh: How many examinations were held during the year and what was the acceptance rate?

Shri Gopaldaswami: I think, Sir, I answered this question previously. The figures are not immediately available to me.

Shri Dabhi: How much annual expenditure is being incurred on this account?

Shri Gopaldaswami: I should like to have notice.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What was the number of foreigners that took part in these courses on a reciprocal basis?

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Shri Gopaldaswami: I am sorry I could not give the information.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What was the number of our cadets that were sent abroad during this year?

Shri Gopaldaswami: Sir, those figures do not really arise out of this question. I have no information.

Shri S. N. Das: Arising out of the answer to part (b) of the question, may I know, Sir, what was the number of the gentleman-cadets who were commissioned as officers out of the National Cadet Corps?

Shri Gopaldaswami: Well, I can give figures for gentlemen-cadets on 8th June 1952 and 26th July 1952 who have passed out or will pass out, outside the period to which the figures in answer to (b) relate, if that is what the hon. member wants.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know, Sir, whether there is any other arrangement for the training of women cadets in any other institution in India?

Shri Gopaldaswami: Women cadets are admitted to the National Cadet Corps in some of the States; beyond that there is no other institution.

Ch. Raghunath: May I know, Sir, how many cadets were admitted in 1951-52?

Shri Gopaldaswami: These are all questions which do not arise out of this.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know, Sir, whether the method of training is different with regard to women cadets and whether the responsibilities are also different?

Shri Gopaldaswami: As a matter of fact, there are no women candidates at all here.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Were any special features introduced in the courses of training for these cadets since we got our freedom?

Shri Gopaldaswami: Special features? I do not know what the hon. member is referring to. If he could mention any specific thing, I can find out.

Sardar Hukum Singh: I want to know whether the courses of training that was given to these cadets during British times are still continuing identically or any changes have been introduced in their training since we got our freedom?

Shri Gopaldaswami: Well, Sir, a great many changes have been introduced since the British left.

SALT RESEARCH STATION

*2025. **Shri Shivnanjappa:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to establish a Salt Research Station in India;

(b) if so, when and where it is to be started; and

(c) the details of cost and management be given to the House?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to establish a Salt Research Station at Bhavnagar in Saurashtra under the administrative control of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 1.]

Shri Shivnanjappa: What is the progress made by this Salt Research Station up till now?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The scheme has just started; the Saurashtra Government have leased out land and buildings to the Government of India for starting the work.

Shri Shivnanjappa: Do they conduct research both in common salt as well as in chemical salts?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir. The object of the Research Station is to carry out experiments in all salts.

Shri Punnoose: May I know, Sir, the circumstances that make this research necessary?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Sir, it was felt that the steps were necessary to improve the quality of salt produced in the country and also to make it cheap

and, therefore, to standardize it and also to utilise the by-products. For these reasons it was considered necessary to set up this Research Station.

Shri Nana Das: May I know, Sir, the progress of the Salt Research Station at Wadala in Bombay?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Sir, under the scheme certain salt 'pilot' farms have also been proposed and Wadala is one of those places where it is going to be set up.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know, Sir, whether any foreign expert has been invited to aid research?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am not aware of any foreign expert being invited.

Sardar Hukum Singh: Would there be a model farm in this Station which is set up in Saurashtra?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir. It is proposed to be set up under the scheme.

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी: क्या माननीय मंत्री से मैं यह पूछ सकता हूँ कि सौराष्ट्र में जिस स्थान पर साल्ट रिसर्च स्टेशन बनाया है, वहाँ पर रिसर्च के लिए क्या सुविधाएँ हैं ?

श्री के० डी० मालवीय: सौराष्ट्र इस प्रकार की रिसर्च के लिए एक सुविधाजनक स्थान है, इस लिए भावनगर चुना गया कि वहाँ पर यह रिसर्च स्टेशन कायम किया जाये।

PRICES OF CEREALS, GOLD AND SILVER

*2026. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the lowest prices reached in 1952 per maund of cereals, pulses, raw-cotton, and oil-seeds and also of gold and silver; and

(b) what are the prices in each case on 1st June, 1952?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). A statement giving the necessary information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 2.]

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Sir, have the prices, especially of raw cotton, now been stabilised and if so, what is the percentage of increase over the lowest figures reached by raw cotton?