

मुख्य उद्देश्य निर्वाचन सम्बन्धी विभिन्न मामलों के बारे में विचारों का परस्पर विनिमय था। उस सम्मेलन में रीतिवत कोई निश्चय नहीं किया गया।

**Shri Hem Raj :** In view of the fact that most of the Himalayan regions remain snow-bound from October to June, and ordinarily elections are held in December and January, what arrangements will be made for holding elections in these days ?

**Shri Biswas :** As a matter of fact, nothing was settled as regards the date of the election. The general consensus of opinion was that the election should be held simultaneously both for parliamentary constituencies and legislative constituencies in the States.

**Shri A. M. Thomas :** May I enquire whether the general frame of the two Representation of the People Bills has been discussed in this conference and if so, may I enquire whether their views were taken into consideration in finalising these Bills ?

**Shri Biswas :** The Bills had been finalised before that. But, these recommendations were all placed before that conference and discussions took place upon them.

**Shri Heda :** After this conference, may I know whether their view was conveyed to the Government about the probable date for the next general elections ?

**Shri Biswas :** No, Sir. That is a matter for the Government to decide.

**Shri Hem Raj :** In view of the fact that in the last general elections, polling stations in the hill areas were located at distances of 40 or 50 miles from the homes of the voters, may I know what arrangements will be made this time ?

**Shri Biswas :** All these difficulties were pointed out by the representatives of the various States. They will be considered.

#### Community Projects Development \*

\*711. **Shri Bishwas Nath Rgy :** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state whether Government have under consideration any Scheme for the geological survey of the areas in the Community Project Centres for an all-round development work to be carried on simultaneously in the Project Centres ?

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali) :** A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 18].

**Shri Bishwas Nath Roy :** In view of the statement, may I know whether any area in the Community Projects has the benefit of the Geological Survey of India till now ?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali :** Yes, Sir. In 1953, the Raipur rural cum urban Community Project in Madhya Pradesh was visited by a senior officer of the Geological Survey of India. In 1953-54, the Ganga Kadar colonisation area in Meerut District, U. P. was visited to inspect rare salts and the incidence of minerals and to study the underground water resources.

**Shri Bishwas Nath Roy :** May I know whether the areas mentioned just now were simply inspected by the officers or were actually surveyed ?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali :** They were visited by senior officers of the Geological Survey of India with a view to survey them.

**Shri B. K. Das :** May I know whether any geological survey work that is to be taken up in a Community Project area will be taken up as one of the items of the community project or it will be done separately by the Geological department ?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali :** As I have already indicated in the statement, the main purpose of the Geological survey department is to make a geological survey of the whole country. If any special request is made by any State Government or by any body to the Geological Survey of India, it does go to their help. Whenever any requests are made, they do help the authorities which approach them.

#### Indian Naval Flotilla

\*713. **Dr. Rama Rao :** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ships of the Indian Naval Flotilla were sent recently to the Mediterranean for training exercises ;

(b) if so, what was the duration of such exercises :

(c) which other countries participated in the exercises ?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia) :** (a) Yes.

(b) Eight weeks.

(c) Britain only.