

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Very well, Sir.

Dr. Rama Rao: May I know if the Government have any definite information as to whether any student organisation other than the Delhi Students' Union has been consulted or taken into confidence?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We are not aware of it.

Shri Raghavalah: May I know why students from Indonesia have not been invited in this connection?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Indonesia is included in the list I have referred to.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether the invitation was sent to the students of the different countries through the respective Governments or through the students' organisations there?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Invitations were sent to the students' organisation of the country if there were one, but if there were none, then the national Ministries of Education were addressed.

Shri Raghavalah: May I know why invitations were not extended to countries like Korea and Indo-China?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I do not know but it is not for us to send any invitation. It is the International Organisation that sends the invitation.

Shri Veeraswamy: May I know the names of the students' organisations in Madras State which will be represented at the ensuing Convention of the Students?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: How can we say about this?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question.

CHINESE REPUBLIC (ANNIVERSARY)

*1112. **Shri K. Subrahmanyam:** (a) Will the Minister of States be pleased to state whether it is a fact that certain Ministers of a State sent congratulatory messages to the Chairman of the Chinese People's Republic on the occasion of the anniversary of the Chinese Republic?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, were these messages sent through the Central Government or direct?

(c) Are Ministers of States authorised to greet Foreign Powers and their leaders directly on their own?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Two Ministers

of Patiala and East Punjab States Union sent congratulatory messages to the Chairman of the Chinese People's Republic on the occasion of the anniversary of the Chinese Republic.

(b) The messages were not sent through the Central Government.

(c) According to International usage Heads of Foreign States are to be addressed on such matters only by the Head of the State. It was, therefore, not in accordance with proper procedure in such cases for the Patiala and East Punjab States Union Ministers to have sent the messages.

Shri K. Subrahmanyam: May I know what action has been taken against these Ministers?

Dr. Katju: No action.

Shri K. Subrahmanyam: May I know if it is a fact that about 2½ years ago the Prime Minister rightly took objection to a request sent by some M.P.s. to the United States President asking for food gifts or food supplies to India?

Shri Punnoose: As if sending a message of greetings and begging for food are one and the same thing.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: How is this question relevant?

Shri K. Subrahmanyam: Does not this action of these Ministers come under the same category?

Dr. Katju: I do not know of that particular answer, but I only hope that in future such lapses will not occur.

Shri Raghuramalah: In order to avoid any such embarrassment in the future, may I know whether the Central Government would inform the State Government that orders should be issued so that such messages would not be sent direct hereafter?

Dr. Katju: I shall inform the State Government of this question and the answer.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIAN STUDENTS

*1113. **Shri Telkikar:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the conditions to be fulfilled by Indian students, wishing to go abroad, for getting financial assistance from the Government of India on loan basis; and

(b) whether there are any rules concerning such assistance?