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(Part I—Questions and Answers)

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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Wednesday, 18th March, 1953.

The House met at Two of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

HISTORY OF FREEDOM MOVEMENT

*839. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have set up a Board of editors under the Chairmanship of Dr. Syed Mahmud, M.P., to prepare a history of the freedom movement in India;

(b) if so, the terms of reference to that Board; and

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed during which the work of the Board is to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes.

(b) To compile a comprehensive History of Freedom Movement in India.

(c) Yes, Sir. Three years.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether that history will be only an account of the freedom movement of India or it will also contain a picture of the awakening of the national consciousness and other matters?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: This history will be concerned with the Freedom movement of India.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether any other Committee was appointed before the appointment of this Committee, and if so, what work that Committee did and with what result?

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ریسرچ اینڈ سائنٹیفک ریسرچ (مولانا

آزاد) : پہلے ایک کمیٹی بتھائی گئی

تھی کہ وہ دیکھے کہاں کہاں سے میٹیریل

جمع کیا جا سکتا ہے - اس کی رپورٹ

کچھ زیادہ مفید نہیں ہوئی - اس

کے بعد پھر یہ دوسری کمیٹی بتھائی

گئی ہے -

[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): Earlier a Committee was set up to find out the sources from which such material could be collected. But its report was not of much help. It was then that this Committee was set up.]

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : उस कमेटी

को कब भंग किया गया या तोड़ा गया और

उस कमेटी की जो कार्यवाही है उस की

रिपोर्ट यहां टेबल पर रखी जा सकती है ?

مولانا آزاد : हाں اگر آنریبل

ممبر چاہتے ہیں تو اس کی رپورٹ

دیکھ دی جائیگی -

[Maulana Azad: Yes. If the hon. Member so desires, it would be laid on the Table of the House.]

Shri N. Sreekantan Nair: May I know whether this history will include the contributions made by organized labour and the kisan movements in India?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: This history will cover all phases of the Freedom movement that culminated in the coming of independence to this country.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether this history will contain the aspect of the agrarian revolution that has enhanced the working of the Freedom movement?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: All these are suggestions and are likely to be considered by the Committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: We cannot go into the chapter and verse.

Shri Punnoose: May I know the members of this Board?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The composition of the Committee is as follows:—

Dr. Syed Mahmud—*Chairman.*

Acharya Narendra Deva, Vice-Chancellor of Benares Hindu University.

Shri Balwantray G. Mehta, M.P.

Dr. S. N. Sen, Delhi.

Prof. Habib, Professor, Muslim University, Aligarh.

Prof. K. A. Nilakanta Sastri, Professor of Indology, Mysore University, Mysore.

Shri D. V. Potdar, Poona.

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Calcutta.

Shri S. N. Ghose, M.P., Member and Honorary Secretary.

Shri P. T. Chacko: May I know whether this will include that part of the movement which took place in the native states?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I have just now answered the question.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Hon. Members need not ask for details as to what is going to be included.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : मूल में यह इतिहास किस भाषा में लिखा जायगा, अंग्रेजी में या हिन्दी में ?

مولانا آزاد : کمیٹی اس کا فیصلہ

کریگی لیکن جو اس وقت کی حالت

ہے اس کو دیکھتے ہوئے صحیح طریقہ

بھی ہوگا کہ پہلے انگریزی میں لکھا

جائے اور پھر اس کے بعد ہندوستان کی اور زبانوں میں اس کا تراجم کیا جائے۔

[**Maulana Azad:** The Committee will decide it. But things as they are, it would be desirable to write this History first in English and then to translate it in other languages of India.]

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know why no Maharashtrians have been included in the Committee in spite of the fact that Maharashtra has taken a substantial part in the political movement?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I presume Mr. Potdar is from Poona..... (Interruption)

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. I find much interest being evinced by hon. Members.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know whether there is any lady member on this Board? We also contributed to the Freedom movement.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There is no lady member on the Committee.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: What efforts have been made by Government to collect information about the Freedom movement which was carried on in other countries?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: This history of Freedom movement will relate to our country only.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: May I know if there is any arrangement for contacting leaders of old revolutionary movements such as the Anushilan, Jugantar, Ghadar and such other parties?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: All these questions will be considered by the Committee.

Shri Veeraswamy: May I know whether the history of the Freedom movement will contain the activities of leaders who later on either joined other parties or founded new parties like Periyar E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker. Leader of the Dravidian Federation?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Everything new will be included.

Shri N. R. M. Swamy: May I know the estimated cost of this scheme?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The estimated cost of this will be between Rs. four to five lakhs or may be less.