

religious propaganda for the unity of the Muslim community. For this purpose, it sends out batches of workers on a voluntary basis.

Shri Raghunath Singh: Where is the headquarters of this association?

Shri Datar: At Bhopal.

Shri Raghunath Singh: I want to know where are the branches of this association all over India?

Shri Datar: They are proposing to establish branches in Madhya Pradesh and Hyderabad amongst others.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: Are Government aware of the nefarious activities of this association in Hyderabad?

Shri Datar: Government have kept a very strict eye on their activities.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS OF I.C.S. AND ALL INDIA SERVICES

*1716. **Shri N. M. Lingam:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether Government have since come to a decision regarding cut in salaries of the Officers of the I.C.S. and other All India Services serving in the Madras State?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): The matter is still under the consideration of Government.

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know, Sir, the specific issues under examination and when Government expect to come to a decision on this?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): At an early date.

Shri Datar: We will come to a decision at a very early date.

Shri N. M. Lingam: Are the Government aware that a 10 per cent. cut is already in force in respect of the provincial services in Madras State and this is causing great heart-burning to the members of the services?

Dr. Katju: It is in force so far as the provincial services are concerned. That is our information. But whether it is causing heart-burning or not, I do not know.

Shri G. P. Sinha: What is the proposed amount of cut?

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, whether any of the ICS officers have offered a voluntary cut?

Dr. Katju: I do not know.

Shri N. M. Lingam: How far is this 10 per cent. cut imposed on members of the provincial services the result of scarcity conditions in the State and do the Government propose to go to the aid of the State to restore this cut?

Dr. Katju: That question has not arisen.

BHATTACHARYA COMMITTEE

*1718. **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the minor irrigation works recommended by the Bhattacharya Committee for the Districts of Rayalaseema, to be taken up as a measure of famine relief;

(b) the total cost of these works; and

(c) the works that are to be executed during the current year and the total expenditure likely to be incurred on them?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Shri B. E. Bhagat): (a) to (c). The recommendations of the team are under consideration and a statement on the action taken will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Short Notice Question and Answer Retrenchment of Workers of Ordnance Depot, Jubbalpur

Suri Namblar: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 105 workers of the Ordnance Depot at Jubbalpur were retrenched from service on or after 20th April, 1953;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that out of the retrenched workers, 11 are on hunger strike protesting against retrenchment;

(d) whether it is a fact that a protest general strike was threatened on 28th April, 1953 and whether Government received any notice of it;

(e) whether it is also a fact that notice of discharge on several employees has been served in Ordnance Depots at Kanpur, Delhi, Chheoki and Pulgaon; and

(f) what steps Government are taking in the matter?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): (a) and (b). It is a fact that 261 employees in the Central Ordnance Depot, Jubbalpur, have been served with notices of