

matter of price and whether that will conform to the Gulf of Mexico Formula ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali : I have already explained that it will not be in the public interest to disclose the terms of the agreement. All that I can say, in addition to what I have said already, is that the national interests have been fully safeguarded and full care has been taken when the agreement was entered into and the prices of oil will be regulated.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury : May I know whether the experience of the agreements with the Standard Vacuum and the Burmah Oil Companies in respect of refineries will be taken into consideration in finalising the terms of the agreement with regard to this project ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali : Yes, Sir ; we will always benefit by experience.

Shri Sarangadhar Das : In view of the fact that many a time it has been questioned here on the floor of this House that the price of petrol distilled in Assam out of petroleum of the Assam fields is based on the Gulf of Mexico price, may I know why it is not in the public interest to let us have the reason for this anomaly, because in business it is an anomaly that the price of an article produced out of local material is based on the Gulf of Mexico price ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali : The reason is that the Government are entering into negotiation with other companies and it is not in the national interest to disclose the terms of the agreement which we have entered into with the Standard Vacuum Oil Company.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao : May I ask one question, Sir.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury : May I put one more question, Sir.

Mr. Speaker : There are two questions now. We will go to the next question.

चीन को भारतीय विद्यार्थियों का प्रतिनिधि मंडल

*१९५६ श्री रामशंकर लाल : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सितम्बर, १९५५ में भारतीय विद्यार्थियों का कोई प्रतिनिधि मंडल चीन को जा रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो प्रतिनिधि मंडल में कितने व्यक्ति होंगे और उन्हें किस आधार पर चुना जायेगा ।

शिक्षा मंत्री के सभासचिव (डा० एम० एम० दास) : (क) हां, जी ।

(ख) ३१ चुनाव विश्वविद्यालयों न किया है ।

श्री भक्त बर्षान : क्या यह सत्य है कि विद्यार्थियों के इस दल का नेतृत्व करने के लिये किसी एक वाइस चांसलर को चुना जा रहा है और क्या गवर्नमेंट इस पर विचार कर रही कि स्वयं विद्यार्थियों के बीच में से ही नेतृत्व करने के लिये किसी को चुना जाये ?

Dr. M. M. Das : The Peking University extended their invitation through the Government of India to 10 universities of the country and the Government of India simply handed over these invitations to the universities concerned. With regard to the selection, the Government of India is nowhere in the picture.

Dr. Rama Rao : In selecting delegates from these various universities, may I know why some States have got more than one university represented in the delegation whereas several States including Andhra and Madhya Pradesh have not got even a single university represented in this delegation ?

Dr. M. M. Das : I have already stated that the Peking University extended their invitation to certain universities in India—I mean the universities in India were named by the Peking University while extending the invitation.

Shri Shyam Nandan Sahai : May I know which are those ten universities ?

Mr. Speaker : Order, order. Let us not go into those details ; we are not interested.

Diamond Mines

*1962. **Shri Ramachandra Reddi :** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state :

(a) how many diamond mines in India are in working condition at present ; and

(b) the production thereof in terms of money value from 1950 to 1953 year-wise ?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali) : (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 17].

Shri Ramachandra Reddi : May I know whether there is a growing import of diamonds into this country ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali : A committee has been appointed to make a survey and its report has to be considered.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao : May I know whether any assessment has been made of the extent of diamond mines in our country ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali : As I said before, a committee has been appointed and its report has not yet been considered.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao : May I know.....

Mr. Speaker : Order, order. He has already said that a committee has been appointed.....

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao : A committee has been appointed to go into the question of Panna 'diamond field and not for the assessment of diamond mines in the whole country.

Mr. Speaker : Is that so ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali : A committee has been appointed to consider certain aspects of diamond mining industry and make recommendations for its improvement.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao rose—

School of Foreign Languages

*1964. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of students trained for interpretership in the School of Foreign Languages during 1954 ; and

(b) the total number of "sponsored" and "non-sponsored" students among them ?

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

(b) Both were sponsored.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : May I know in how many foreign languages training is given and may I also know what are those foreign languages ?

Sardar Majithia : Both are more or less one and the same question and I may say that the languages are : Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Persian, Russian and Tibetan.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : May I know whether this training is limited to those persons who are in service or whether fresh candidates are also selected. ?

Sardar Majithia : Normally, the candidates are selected from the Services—either in the Defence or other Ministries—but, if the vacancies are there we do take outsiders also.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty : May I know if it is a fact that officers when they participate in the school of foreign languages and pass examinations they are given certain qualification pay, but if the same examination is passed by the ordinary airmen they are not entitled to it and often they are not even allowed to attend these classes ?

Sardar Majithia : The selection of the candidates is done entirely on merits and, therefore the point raised by the hon. Member does not arise.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty : May I know if there is any entrance examination in which people have to qualify before entering this school of foreign languages and on the basis of which the merit is judged ?

Sardar Majithia : There is no qualifying examination.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या यह सत्य है कि इंटरप्रेटरशिप का जो कोर्स है वह केवल रक्षा विभाग और वैदेशिक विभाग के कर्मचारियों के लिये ही निश्चित किया गया है ? यदि हाँ, तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो गैर-सरकारी लोग हैं या दूसरे विभागों के जो कर्मचारी हैं उन पर इस कोर्स में शामिल होने पर क्यों प्रतिबन्ध लगाया गया है ?

Sardar Majithia : I have already answered that question that, that is not a fact.

Income Tax Appeals

*1967. **Dr. Satyavadi :** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the total number of appeals pending with all the Appellate Assistant Commissioners which are more than a year old on the 1st April, 1955 ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat) : The total number of appeals which are more than a year old on the 1st April, 1955 and are pending with the Appellate Assistant Commissioners is 29,002 (twenty-nine thousand and two).