

brought here to Delhi and kept under preventive detention here and he may be allowed to take part in the proceedings of the House?

Mr. Speaker: We are on the question of leave of absence from the sittings of the House. Some hon. Members may say that no leave ought to be granted. This hon. Member swings the pendulum the other side and asks whether the hon. Member may not be allowed to attend. Let us be satisfied with what is before us. I take it that the House agrees with the recommendations of the Committee.

Several Hon. Members: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: The Members will be informed accordingly

CORRECTION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 1738

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): I beg to make a statement correcting the reply given on the 18th April, 1958, to the supplementaries by Shri Bhakt Darshan, Shri Hem Barua and Shrimati Renu Chakravartty on Starred Question No. 1738 regarding Himalayan Expedition

In the supplementary questions, arising from the answer given to Starred Question No. 1738 in the Lok Sabha on the 18th April, 1958, Shri Bhakt Darshan and Shri Hem Barua wished to know whether such parties as the Cho Oyu expedition would be sent up every year, and also whether members of the team had undergone any training in any international mountaineering club. Further, Shrimati Renu Chakravartty asked whether Geological Department, specialists in Botany, etc., were associated with the expedition.

The answers given in reply to these questions are likely to give an impression that the Cho Oyu expedition was sponsored by, or was being

conducted under, the auspices of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling. As already indicated by me in answer to part (a) of the main question, the Cho Oyu expedition is purely an unofficial expedition. The expedition was actually sponsored by a Committee not connected with the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute. As regards training in mountaineering, of the three Service Officers who are members of the expedition, one was the ex-Principal of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, and the other two Service Officers had undergone the basic course at that Institute. I have no information about the training undergone by the other members of the expedition.

In regard to the query raised by Shrimati Renu Chakravartty, as already indicated by me in answer to part (c) of the main question, there are two scientists attached to the expedition—one from the Botanical Survey of India and the other from the Zoological Survey of India.

श्री बक दर्शन (गढ़वाल) : श्रीमान्, मैं एक स्पष्टीकरण चाहता हूँ। यह जो कमेंटेशन किया गया है, उसमें बतलाया गया है कि हिमालयन माउन्टेनीयरिंग इन्स्टीट्यूट के एक एक्म-प्रिन्सिपल इस एक्मपीडीशन के एक सदस्य थे। श्रीमती समाचारपत्रों में उनके अचानक देहान्त होने का समाचार आया है। वह हमारी फौज के एक बड़े अफसर थे और उस दिशा में एक विशेषज्ञ बन गए थे। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या गवर्नमेंट ने इस बात की पूरी छान-बीन कर ली है कि उनको पूरी डाक्टरों महायन्त्रा दी गई थी या नहीं? मैं इसलिए यह प्रश्न पूछ रहा हूँ कि श्री नेर्नसिंह नीकों ने

Mr. Speaker: How does it arise out of this question? It is only a simple correction of a statement that has been made. Unless that correction relates to somebody dying on the way, there is no meaning in asking a

[Mr. Speaker]

supplementary. Then we will be opening the vista very wide. Has it anything to do with this question?

Sardar Majithia: No, Sir, not in this correction. But if you want me to—

Mr. Speaker: No, I do not want. If relevant questions are asked, hon. Ministers sometimes keep quiet, but if out-of-the-way questions are asked, they are anxious to answer.

Shri Tangamani (Madurai): That is an important question.

Mr. Speaker: That is another matter.

Shri Tangamani: I wanted to submit that a number of people, who formed part of the expedition team, have died.

Mr. Speaker: The hon Member knows only too well how questions can be asked and answered.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमन्, अभी आपने कहा कि सदस्य लोग पूरा अध्ययन नहीं करते। मैं निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि यह मूल प्रश्न मेरा ही था और मैं इस सम्बन्ध में दिलचस्पी लेता रहा हूँ, इसी लिये पूछना चाहता हूँ . .

Mr. Speaker: I am aware that this is an important matter. The hon. Member knows the procedure only too well. He puts a number of questions and supplementaries. If he had only put a question, I would have considered what steps ought to be taken. Of course, it is a very valuable life that was lost. He has suffered from pneumonia. Why should he tag it on with this correction? Now, assuming that no correction was made by the hon. Minister, would he have been satisfied with the original reply that was given? When the hon. Minister makes a correction, that opportunity should not be taken to raise a discussion.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : अमल में स्थिति यह है कि जिस समय पहले जवाब दिया गया था

उस समय उनका देहान्त नहीं हुआ था। उसके बाद देहान्त हुआ। इस लिय मैं जानना चाहता हूँ

अध्यक्ष महोदय : देहान्त होन के बारे में हम क्या करें ?

TRADE AND MERCHANDISE MARKS BILL—contd.

Mr. Speaker: The House will now resume further discussion on the motion for reference of the Trade and Merchandise Marks Bill, 1958 to a Joint Committee. Out of 3 hours allotted to this motion, 41 minutes have already been availed of and 2 hours and 19 minutes now remain.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon may continue his speech.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon (Mukandapuram): Mr. Speaker, the other day I was submitting that a large number of documents and a large volume of reports are available for the Select Committee to decide about the various provisions of this very important law and whatever submissions I make at present are only tentative in character so that the hon. Members of the Select Committee have got the opportunity to consider those suggestions when they are reporting on this particular Bill.

These suggestions were necessitated because before the drafting of the Bill was undertaken, the whole Bill and the principle behind it underwent a series of discussions at the hands of the original Committee which was appointed, which gave a majority report as also a minority report. The Government considered the whole report by appointing an officer, and certain recommendations were made by that officer and later on the whole matter was referred to another Judge of the Madras High Court, who, in all particular details, agreed with the minority report, and now the Bill has been drafted on the basis