

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir, "The Statesman" correspondent Shri Noney and his wife were ordered to leave East Pakistan, at short notice in February, 1962.

(b) On the 10th February, 1962, the passports of Shri W. H. Noney and his wife, which were deposited with the Government of East Pakistan for the renewal of visas, were returned to them with the instructions that they should leave East Pakistan by the 12th February, 1962. Intervention by the Deputy High Commissioner for India in Dacca failed to move the East Pakistan Government to reconsider their decision or to allow a reasonable extension of time to enable Shri Noney to wind up his affairs in Dacca.

(c) and (d). The facilities accorded by the Government of India to an accredited Pakistan newsman in India are the same as those accorded to any other foreign accredited correspondent, except that the Pakistani newsmen have visas valid only for their place of accreditation, which is Delhi in their case, just as Indian correspondents in Pakistan have visas valid for their place of accreditation, which may be Rawalpindi, Karachi or Dacca. This is strictly on the basis of reciprocity.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

Cable Factory at Thrippoonithura in Kerala

*765. { Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Warior:
Shri P. Kunhan:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to establish a Cable Factory at Thrippoonithura in Kerala State had been abandoned; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

(Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir; the proposal has not been abandoned.

(b) Does not arise.

Indian Embassy in Washington

*766. **Shri Inder J. Malhotra:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Embassy in Washington brings out a publication named "Indiagram";

(b) whether such publications are also brought out by other Indian Missions abroad; and

(c) the total amount spent on such publications annually?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) About 40 of our missions abroad bring out news bulletins of various kinds. Some of them are called "Indiagram" and some go by other names.

(c) Expenditure on such publications forms a part of the individual budget of each mission. Total expenditure incurred annually by all of them on this publication is not readily ascertainable.

Cocoon Producing Areas in Bihar

*767. **Shri H. C. Roy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Singbhum district and the adjoining area in Bihar are large cocoon producing areas but there are no comprehensive schemes for ruling, spinning and weaving this cocoon silk by the cocoon rearers and the local weavers and the bulk of cocoon goes out elsewhere; and

(b) if so, the steps to be taken to use cocoon locally in all its manufacturing processes?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be

laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Vijayawada Radio Station in Andhra Pradesh

*768. **Shrimati Vimla Devi:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to upgrade the power capacity of Vijayawada Radio Station in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when and what are the details of the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. B. Gopala Reddi):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is not considered necessary to increase further the powers of the Vijayawada Radio transmitter because during the III Plan the power of the radio transmitter at Hyderabad is being raised from 5 kw to 20 kw medium-wave and because two powerful transmitters are being newly installed during the same period in Andhra Pradesh namely, a 20kw, mediumwave transmitter at Cuddapah and a 10kw mediumwave transmitter at Visakhapatnam. Vijayawada and Hyderabad transmitters are linked by a 24-hour trunk telephone connection.

Riots in Malda

*769. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
Shri D. N. Tiwary:
Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:
Shri M. K. Kumaran:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the statement made by East Pakistan Governor in his talks to newsmen at Dacca on 24th April, 1962 with regard to disturbance in Malda in West Bengal; and

(b) what steps have been taken to contradict these statements, and to

place real facts before the people of East Pakistan?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is difficult for us to place real facts about such matters before the people of Pakistan whether in the Eastern Wing or the Western Wing. The Press in Pakistan is controlled and not in a position to publish anything not in line with the policies of the Pakistan Government. Recently when one newspaper in East Pakistan did publish an account of one of its own correspondents about conditions in Murshidabad District, the newspaper was asked to disown the correspondent's account because this account happened to be at variance with the official view in Pakistan.

Within these limitations, our missions, in Karachi and Dacca make every possible effort to place the real facts about such matters before the people of Pakistan. They did so in this case also through conversation, and through the bulletins issued by them. People in Pakistan read Indian newspapers and listen to the All India Radio, and, we hope, get to know the truth that way also.

Aerodrome near Mangla Dam

*770. { Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Maheswar Naik:
Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has undertaken to construct a huge aerodrome near Mangla Dam in Pakistan-held Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati