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Akali Agitation

*1264-A. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some personnel of the Army headquarters participated in the recent Akali agitation in Delhi;

(b) if so, their number; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against these Army men?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) to (c). No Service personnel of Army Headquarters is involved; one civilian clerk was involved and was arrested and produced before a magistrate of the civil authorities. He is now under suspension.

Bank of China

*1264-C. **Shri Assar:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Bank of China has become anti-Indian propaganda and spy centre in Calcutta and Bombay;

(b) whether it is a fact that notices have been served on two high ranking officers of the Bank of China to quit India;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Bank of China has refused the request of our Government for Indianisation of employees of the Bank;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government; and

(e) the total number of employees serving in the Bank of China and out of that how many are Indians?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji R. Desai): (a) Government have no definite information, although

one or two employees of the bank have come to adverse notice.

(b) In the case of two officers permission for the extension of stay in India was not given and they were served with notices to leave the country.

(c) and (d). The information available to Government indicates that between the 1st January 1954 and the 1st January, 1959, the number of non-Indian officers drawing Rs. 1,000 or more came down from 17 to 13 and that one Indian officer in the range of pay of Rs. 1000 to Rs. 1500 was appointed.

(e) It is understood that the bank employs at its Calcutta and Bombay offices more than a hundred persons and that about one-third of them are Indians.

Steel production in Ordnance Factories

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:

*1265. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1481 on the 14th April, 1960 and state whether Government have considered the proposals for balancing and modernising the capacity of Ordnance Factories for steel making?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): Such proposals are under active consideration.

Panna Diamond Mines

*1266. { **Shri Vidya Charan**
Shukla:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present production of diamonds in Panna mines is about a third of what it was in 1953;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this sharp decline; and