

Shri Satish Chandra: The Defence Ministry has issued no circular whatsoever in this connection.

ARMY VEHICLES

*175. **Shri Chaudhri Muhammed Shafee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of army vehicles involved in mishaps in Jammu and Kashmir State during the year 1954;

(b) the loss of life sustained as a result thereof;

(c) the measures taken to prevent recurrence of such mishaps;

(d) whether compensation is paid to the relatives of such personnel; and

(e) the total amount paid in this respect.

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) 115.

(b) Nineteen civilians lost their lives as a result of these accidents.

(c) Measure already in existence to check rash and negligent driving by military personnel are being tightened up further by detailing special squads of military police to check on drivers, particularly in congested localities. Other measures such as intensive training of drivers, employment of drivers with knowledge of driving in hilly terrain, replacement of old and worn-out vehicles, traffic discipline and control, are also being taken.

(d) Yes, provided the accident is due to the negligence of the service driver.

(e) Payment of Rs. 325 has been made in one case. Twenty-six cases are under consideration.

CULTURAL MISSIONS

*176. **Sardar Akarpuri:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenditure on all cultural missions sent abroad is borne entirely by Government;

(b) whether they submit any reports to Government on their return; and

(c) if so, whether it is proposed to supply those reports to the Members of the House?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, but not always.

(c) No, Sir.

सरदार अकरपुरी: क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि यह जो कल्चरल मिशन के साथ मेंबर जाते हैं उनकी सिलेक्शन कैसे होती है?

Dr. M. M. Das: In the delegations which are sponsored by the Government of India, the Members are selected by the Government. In delegations which are helped by the Government of India, the Members are selected by those organisations.

सरदार अकरपुरी: क्या कल्चरल मिशन के मेंबरों की जो रिपोर्ट्स गवर्नमेंट के पास आती हैं, या जो सजेशन आते हैं उनके मुताबिक आप ने अपने कामों में कोई तब्दीलियां की हैं, और अगर की हैं तो क्या?

Dr. M. M. Das: There has been no occasion like this. The reports submitted by these delegations do not contain anything which require the present policy of the Government to be changed.

सरदार अकरपुरी: मैं यह इस वास्तु जर्ज कर रहा हूँ कि जो मेंबर कल्चरल मिशन पर आते हैं वे लिहाज मुलाहिजे से आते हैं। क्या मैं पूछ सकता हूँ कि क्या गवर्नमेंट इस बात पर गौर करेगी कि वे जो रिपोर्ट्स देते हैं, उन रिपोर्ट्स को हाउस के मेंबरों को सप्लाई किया जाए?

Dr. M. M. Das: These reports are of a confidential nature.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.