

Nations could spare them without putting their peace-keeping operations in jeopardy. The Secretary-General has now intimated to us that the move of the Indian Brigade Group will be completed before the end of March 1963, and that of the unbrigaded units by the end of April 1963. To have pressed for the precipitate return of our troops, without giving the U.N. time to make other arrangements would have put in jeopardy the success of the whole Congo operation undertaken by the U.N.

Defence Efforts

*398. **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts have been or are being made to enlist the talents of Indian writers, artist and film producers in the defence efforts;

(b) if so, in what manner; and

(c) the details of the steps taken so far?

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

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-670/63].

सेना को साप्ताहिक पत्र-पत्रिकायें

*३९९. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सेना में अंग्रेजों के कौन कौन से साप्ताहिक पत्र और कितनी संख्या में जाते हैं ; और

(ख) क्या समाचार-पत्रों को सेना के लिये स्वीकृत करने से पूर्व इसकी नीति पर विचार कर लिया जाता है ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री यशवन्तराव चव्हाण) : (क) आवश्यक सूचना देना संभव

नहीं है। क्योंकि सैनिक यूनिटों को पत्रिकाओं के प्रदाय की व्यवस्था यूनिट कमांडरों द्वारा की जाती है, न कि किसी केंद्रीय संस्था द्वारा।

(ख) जी हाँ। वही पत्रिकाएँ खरीदी जाती हैं जिन्हें यूनिट कमांडर उचित समझें।

Srinagar Leh Road

873. **Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Srinagar-Leh Road, beyond Sonamarg, has by now been made fit to ply light vehicles (trucks); and

(b) to what extent road transport is utilised for supplying necessary supplies for the Civilian population and transporting Military supplies?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir. The road is fit for restricted and regulated traffic.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to disclose these details.

Production in Ordnance Factories

874. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri P. Venkatasubbalh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that production in Ordnance Factories has been doubled during recent months;

(b) if so, to what extent the production has gone up; and

(c) the steps taken to establish more Ordnance Factories and the place selected for the purpose?

The Minister of Defence production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghunath Ramaiiah): (a) and (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) A new group of factories is being planned, but it would be premature to state the location as these have not been finalised yet.