

Arms aid

875. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Mohsin:
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether apart from U.S.A. and Great Britain any other countries have supplied arms to India;

(b) if so, which are those countries; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these arm aids are without any political strings?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir. (It is presumed that the information sought is in respect of supplies on a Government to Government basis and after the declaration of the present emergency).

(b) Australia.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Wage Board for Journalists

876. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken to appoint a second Wage Board for the working journalists;

(b) if so, the composition of the Board; and

(c) if not, the reason for the delay?

The Deputy Ministry in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman): (a) to (c). Government do not consider it necessary to appoint a Wage Board for Working Journalists at present.

Indian P. O. Ws.

877. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Rameshwar Tanti:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Mohsin:
Shri Balmiki:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Hem Barua:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Indian prisoners of war held by China have since been returned by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The details of the personnel returned by the Chinese so far are as follows:—

706 Army personnel of whom two died later.

14 Assam Rifles personnel.

5 Persons of General Reserve Engineer Force.

4 Civilians.

Total: 729.

In addition, 12 dead bodies were handed over by the Chinese.

(c) The Chinese have returned from time to time unilaterally some sick and wounded prisoners. No reasons have been intimated by them for not returning the remaining prisoners.

Reorientation in Training Schedule of Indian Troops.

878. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reorientation in the training schedule of the Indian troops has been brought about taking into consideration the nature of terrain and