

between Rajasthan and West Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the result of the meeting?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b). Yes Sir; the strip maps prepared after the demarcation of the international boundary between Rajasthan and West Pakistan, were ratified at Karachi on the 26th and 27th September, 1963. The plenipotentiaries of both the countries authenticated the signatures of their Surveyors General on each of the 1240 map sheets.

Provident Fund Contribution

*20. { Shri D. D. Mantri:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Bade:
Shri Kachhavaia:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

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

(a) whether Government have increased the rate of provident fund contribution for more industries from the 31st October, 1963; and

(b) if so, the details of the industries involved?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman): (a) Yes, The compulsory rate of provident fund contributions under the Employee's Provident Funds Act, 1952 was increased from 6½ per cent to 8 per cent of basic wages, dearness allowance and retaining allowance, if any, in the establishments employing fifty or more persons in 18 more industries from the 1st November, 1963.

(b) The details of the industries are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-1818/63].

Supersonic Fighter Aircraft

+21. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government regarding the joint production of supersonic fighter aircraft with the mutual co-operation of U.A.R. and Indian team of experts; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

"Iswar Pathshala" in East Pakistan

*22. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri D. D. Puri:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Gokaran Prasad:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the East Pakistan Government have given sanction to forcible occupation of "Iswar Pathshala" a premier Educational Institution of the Hindus in Commilla by Pakistani nationals;

(b) if so, the facts of the case; and

(c) whether the Deputy High Commissioner of India stationed in Dacca, has visited Commilla and sent any report?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) The forcible occupation of Iswar Pathshala was not sanctioned

by the East Pakistan Government, but since then that Government has requisitioned the premises thus closing down the Institution.

(b) and (c). Our Deputy High Commissioner has not visited Comilla himself for this purpose. However, he has reported that during the months of August and September members of the majority community forcibly occupied portions of Iswar Pathshala building by assaulting members of its staff and the governing body. On October 2nd, 1963, they also pillaged the Nivedita Girls' School premises which resulted in the final closing down of the School and its requisition by the East Pakistan Government. The Deputy High Commissioner has formally requested the East Pakistan Government to restore the premises to their rightful owners. It is understood that half of the School has been vacated but the local authorities are not assisting in ending its unauthorised occupation.

External Publicity in African and Middle East Countries

*23. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh steps have been taken to strengthen our publicity in the Middle East and African countries; and

(b) if so, the nature of the steps taken?

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

(b) Four new publicity posts have already been set up during this year at Algiers, Rabat, Kampala, and Dar-es-Salaam. The programme for production and distribution of pamphlets and bulletins has been intensified. More material is now being produced in French and Arabic for use in the French and Arabic speaking countries of these regions. Output of material in Swahili is proposed to be increased

in the near future. Arrangements for the dubbing of films into foreign languages, including the major languages in use in Africa and West Asia, are being undertaken on a wider basis. The opening of new information posts in parts of Africa as yet uncovered is under consideration in the light of the views expressed at the recent Conference of Heads of Indian Missions in Africa and West Asia.

Newsreel on C.P.I. Procession in Delhi.

*24. {
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri
 Shri Vishram Prasad:
 Shri Kapur Singh:
 Shri Buta Singh:
 Shri Narasimha Reddy:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:
 Shri D. D. Mantri:
 Shri Indrajit Gupta:
 Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:
 Shri Sivamurthi Swami:
 Shri Mohan Swarup:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri D. D. Puri:
 Shri Daji:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri Balkrishna Wasnik:
 Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a newsreel has been prepared on the communist sponsored procession to Parliament on the 13th September, 1963;

(b) whether it has been released for show to the public; and

(c) the principles governing the preparation of such newsreels?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Satya Narayan Sinha): (a) No separate newsreel has been prepared; but the procession was one of the several items included in the Newsreel No. 780.