

(ii) Accidental.

(iii) Old construction.

(b) 15 lives were lost and 77 persons were injured; information regarding any other loss which may have been caused is not available.

(c) Removal of dangerous houses is the responsibility of the Delhi Municipal Corporation vide section 348 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957. The Corporation, in whose area these house collapses have taken place, undertakes survey of dangerous houses every year before the commencement of the monsoons. If houses are found in dangerous condition, the dangerous portions are pulled down and the owners/occupiers of the houses in repairable conditions are asked to repair them.

I.A.S. Officers

661. Shri Maheswar Naik: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total strength of the I.A.S. officers already employed throughout India as against the sanctioned strength; and

(b) the annual off-take into this cadre under regular recruitment and by promotion?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hajarnavis):

(a) The total number of I.A.S. officers in service is 1982, the sanctioned strength being 2278.

(b) The annual intake through regular recruitment is about 90. Recruitment by promotion depends upon availability of vacancies in the promotion quota of each State cadre. The number of officers taken into the service by promotion from 1st January, 1963 to 11th November, 1963 is 27.

Tracing of Oil and Ore Deposits by Radio-Activity

**662. { Shri Maheswar Naik:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an instrument has been designed in the Soviet Union to locate oil and ores by the radio-activity upto a depth of three kilometres; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce the instrument in our oil and mineral explorations of the country?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir):

(a) and (b). It is understood that in the USSR and other countries experiments have been made to locate oil fields by measuring the intensity of Gamma-rays. The Oil and Natural Gas Commission has also carried out some measurement of radio-activity over some known oilfields of Gujarat. The methods is still at an experimental stage and the question of employing it in India as a tool for oil exploration does not arise at present.

Cultural Delegations

663. Shri Maheswar Naik: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cultural delegations sent and proposed to be sent abroad during 1963-64; and

(b) the foreign exchange spent and expected to be spent on these delegations?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Fifteen and nine respectively.

(b) Rs. 3,200 and Rs. 25,960 respectively.