

Military Hospital at Poona

1353. { Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to establish a Military Hospital for providing special treatment for chest diseases at Golibar Maidan, Poona; and

(b) if so, when and the total expenditure involved therein?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Phase I of the project consisting of domestic accommodation for Hospital staff is under execution and is expected to be completed by the 15th October, 1965. Estimated cost is Rs. 40.975 lakhs.

(ii) Phase II of the project consisting of Wards, Technical and Office accommodation for the Hospital is under consideration of Government. It is expected to be completed in three years. Estimated cost is approximately Rs. 112.78 lakhs.

Special Type of Plastic

1354. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special type of urethane plastic foam has been devised by the Defence Science Laboratory, Delhi, for uses like building huts at high altitude; and

(b) if so, whether it is possible to utilise this plastic foam on a large scale, and for other purposes also?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) The Defence Science Laboratory Delhi has been carrying out investigational research on urethane foams using indigenously

available ingredients with a view to its manufacture. The results obtained so far have been promising. The use of such foams in defence equipment will depend on their physical properties, which are under study.

(b) As the research work is still in the experimental stage, it is too early to visualise the utilization of its results for large-scale production.

Climbing Course for Women

1355. Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the number of women, who have completed training in the climbing course from the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling and are considered fit to join climbing expeditions?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Dr. D. S. Raju): The Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling run two types of courses—Basic and Advanced. 105 women have so far been trained in the Basic Course. Out of these, 22 women have been given further training in Advance courses. 13 women are considered fit to join climbing expeditions.

Trunk Dialling System

1356. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri D. J. Naik:
Shri C. M. Kedarla:
Shri Dharmalingam:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the towns between which automatic subscribers trunk dialling system is likely to be introduced by the end of the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) which cities are proposed to be connected with such system during the Fourth Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Subscribers Trunk Dialling has already been introduced between Delhi-Agra, Lucknow-Kanpur and Delhi-Jaipur. It is likely to be introduced between the following towns by the end of Third Plan:

Delhi-Kanpur
Delhi-Lucknow
Delhi-Meerut
Agra-Kanpur
Agra-Lucknow
Kanpur-Varanasi

(b) It is intended that the important cities having Automatic Telephone Exchanges should be interconnected for STD facilities during the Fourth Plan. Detailed proposals will, however, be drawn up after the financial allocations for the Fourth Plan have been laid down by the Planning Commission.

Promotions via I.F.S.

1357. Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 159 on the 1st June, 1964 and state:

(a) the number of promotions made to I.F.S. so far from persons serving in the Information Service of India; and

(b) the proportion of such promotions in relation to promotions made from I.F.S.(B)?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Five.

(b) 1 : 3.4.

AVRO-748

1358. { **Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the manufacture of Avro-748 and Gliders in the factories at Kanpur;

(b) to what extent the pace of manufacture would adequately meet the defence requirements; and

(c) whether Government have any plan under consideration to manufacture the same elsewhere in the country so as to accelerate the production in the context of the present Emergency?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Four 748-aircraft have been completed so far and six more are in various stages of production. 52 gliders have been completed so far and 25 more are in various stages of production.

(b) Steps which are being taken to increase the rate of production are expected to enable us to adequately meet the defence requirements.

(c) No, Sir.

Pathankot-Leh Road via Manali

1359. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken the construction of the Pathankot-Leh Road via Manali; and

(b) if so, when the work is proposed to be started and under whose supervision it will be done, whether by the State Public Works Department or the Border Roads Organisation?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) The construction of a road from Manali to Leh has been taken in hand.

(b) Except for a stretch of about 50 miles, which has been entrusted to Punjab P.W.D., the road will be constructed by Director General Border Roads.