

(a) whether the Deputy Minister of External Affairs was sent round different Afro-Asian countries including Japan on the eve of the Afro-Asian Conference in Algiers to bring home to them the Indian view on various issues;

(b) if so, which countries he visited; and

(c) with what results?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) The Deputy Minister of External Affairs visited a number of countries in East and South East Asia in June, 1965.

(b) The countries visited were Cambodia, Japan, Laos, Philippines and Thailand.

(c) The purpose of the Deputy Minister's visit was to exchange views with the Governments of these countries on international affairs and matters of mutual interest and to strengthen India's relations with them. The Afro-Asian Conference to be held in Algiers was also discussed. The response of these countries to the Deputy Ministers visit was very favourable and gives ground for hope of greater cooperation with them.

Heavy Water Plant

27. { Shri A. V. Raghavan:
Shri Pottakkatt:
Shri Kappen:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Atomic Energy is now designing a heavy water plant to produce 200 tons of heavy water per year; and

(b) if so, where it will be located?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). A proposal to set up a heavy water plant with a capacity of 200 metric tons per annum is under the consideration of

Government. The plant is being designed by the scientists and engineers of the Atomic Energy Establishment Trombay. The location of the plant will be decided after the proposal is approved.

उत्तर प्रदेश में डाकघरों को बड़े डाकघर बनाना

28. श्री विद्यमान्य पाण्डेय : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 1965-66 में उत्तर प्रदेश में कुछ उप-डाकघरों को मुख्य डाकघर तथा कुछ शाखा डाकघरों को उप-डाकघर बनाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका स्वीरा क्या है ?

संचार विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री भगवती) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) सभा पटल पर एक विवरण पत्र रखा जाता है । [युस्तकालय में रखा गया, देखिये संख्या LT-4466/65]

A.I.R. Station at Gorakhpur

29. { Shri Kindar Lal:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up an All-India Radio Station at Gorakhpur (U.P.);

(b) if so, when; and

(c) the total expenditure to be incurred thereon?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Fourth Plan period.

(c) Estimated cost of the project is Rs. 48.6 lakhs.