

amount of "salary or wage" drawn by the workers in the accounting year. The Ordinance however, permits agreements being reached between the parties on a different basis mutually acceptable to the parties.

Tourist Map

482. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tourist map has been produced by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry and is in circulation in the country and abroad showing Bagdogra in East Pakistan,

(b) when this map was published and when this area was handed over to Pakistan by the Government of India; and

(c) the total number of copies printed?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) to (c). The Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity produced, in 1956, one lakh copies of the "India Tourist Map (Folder)" for the Department of Tourism. The distribution of the folder was suspended immediately the mistake in regard to the location of Bagdogra was noticed: the remaining copies were distributed after correction slips had been over-pasted.

King of Bhutan

483. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the attempts to overthrow Bhutan Government including an attempt on the life of King of Bhutan on the 31st July, 1965; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir. Government are aware of these nefarious attempts which have, fortunately, been abortive.

(b) It is for the Government of Bhutan to take suitable action to foil these misguided activities, which are to be deprecated, and to prevent their recurrence. The Government of India will give all possible assistance that the King of Bhutan may require of them for the purpose.

New Transmitters

484. Shri Narendra Singh Mahida: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the installation of four new transmitters, two of 1,000 k.w. medium wave and two of 250 k.w. short wave, has been sanctioned; and

(b) if so, the time by which they are likely to be installed?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) The Government of India have accorded part expenditure sanction for the installation of one 1000 kw mediumwave transmitter and two 250 kw shortwave transmitters. It has also been decided to instal one more 1000 kw mediumwave transmitter, but expenditure sanction for the same is yet to be accorded.

(b) They are likely to be installed within a period of two years.

Thambu Equatorial Rocket Launching Station in Kerala

485. Shri Narendra Singh Mahida: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether experiments will be made soon at the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station in Kerala for receiving satellite data for the study of radio waves in the ionosphere;

(b) whether it is a fact that information from the S-96 satellite sent up

by the U.S. National Aeronautic and Space Administration of the United States, was now being received in India; and

(c) if so, the names of the Centres in India where such an information is received?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes. It is proposed to set up a receiving unit at the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station to monitor regularly radio signals from the S-66 Ionospheric Beacon Satellite.

(b) and (c). Yes. The Centres receiving such information are the Astrophysical Laboratory, Kodaikanal, the Defence Electronics Research Laboratory, Hyderabad, the Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad and the Radio Propagation Unit of the National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi.

Survey of India's Atomic Projects

486. **Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some British Press Correspondents were recently invited to survey India's Atomic Projects;

(b) whether any Indian Press correspondents had also been invited and if so, when; and

(c) the main purpose of these surveys by the foreign Press Correspondents?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (c). In order to project India's achievements in the peaceful uses of atomic energy before an international public, a party of British Science Correspondents was invited to go round our Atomic Energy Installations and later write about them.

(b) A large number of Indian Correspondents were invited last year on

the occasion of the tenth year of the existence of the Department of Atomic Energy, and full coverage appeared in all important Indian papers.

Electricity from Atomic Energy

487. { **Shri Madhu Limaye:**
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the three projects for generating electricity from atomic energy which are at present under execution; and

(b) the time by which power generation would commence from these projects?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). The required information is given below:

Tarapur Atomic Power Project

Work on this project is proceeding according to schedule. About 25,000 cubic yards of concrete for the sub-structure and super structure of the reactor and turbine buildings have been laid. Fabrication work on the steel vessels, which will contain the reactor and primary circuit, has also made considerable progress. The manufacturing activity in the vendors' shops on items of equipment, including the pressure vessels and turbine generators, is also proceeding according to schedule.

The contracted date for the full power operation of the Station is **October 1968**, but there is the possibility of some amount of power being generated several months ahead of this date.

Rajasthan Atomic Power Project

The Station will have two reactor units of 200 MWe each. The work on the first unit was sanctioned in