

scheme for opening a Naval base at Paradeep Port; and

(b) the financial implications thereof?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) There is no proposal to establish a Naval Base at Paradeep. However, Navy has certain requirements which are under consideration.

(b) The financial implications cannot be worked out until a final decision is taken.

Soviet Military Assistance to Pakistan

405. Shri Bedabrata Barua: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Soviet Military assistance to Pakistan has been increased recently; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). The Government have received no information to the effect that the Soviet Government have provided any military assistance to Pakistan.

Institute of Defence Study in the Capital

406. Shri Kansari Halder: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an Institute of Defence Study in the capital;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this Institute will have links with the Institute of Strategic Studies in London; and

(d) if so, the purpose of keeping links with the Institute of Strategic Studies in London?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) An "Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses" was registered as a Society on 11th November, 1965; the Institute is situated in Delhi.

(b) The main objects for which the Institute has been established are—

(i) To initiate study, discussion and research on problems of National Security and impact of Defence measures on economic, political and social spheres.

(ii) To promote the study and discussion of, exchange of information upon, influence of the method of warfare upon, the problem of Defence techniques in Defence studies and analyses strategy, disarmament and International relations.

(iii) To build up a body of trained personnel to undertake such studies.

(iv) To publish through a periodical journal or otherwise the activities of the Institute and contributions to constructive thought in the field of Defence Studies and Analyses.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Exchange of Films with Yugoslavia

407. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether any negotiations are being conducted with the Government of Yugoslavia for the mutual

exchange of Indian and Yugoslav films; and

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) and (b). A request for commercial exchange of films has been received from the Embassy of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the matter is under consideration.

U.S. Military Mission in India

408. Shri Mohan Swarup: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total expenditure of the U.S. Military Mission in India is borne by the Government of India; and

(b) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred so far and the present strength of the members of this Mission?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir, the Government of India has been meeting only some of the local expenses of the Military Mission established by the U.S.A. to deal with the military assistance programme which had been agreed to between the two sides. We undertook to provide reasonable services and facilities to enable the mission to carry on its duties; these have included assistance in kind, such as accommodation and the pay of the mission's local employees, and periodically agreed rupee contributions for such expenses as purchase of stores and travel in India. The dollar expenditure, including the pay and allowances of the U.S. personnel, are borne by the U.S. Government.

(b) In accordance with these arrangements, the total amounts paid so far by the Government of India is Rs. 218.31 lakhs, which was to cover all likely rupee expenditure until June 30, 1966.

The strength of the Mission on the 31st of March, 1967, was 28 Officers and Men.

Territorial Army

409. Shri Jyotimoy Basu: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons who enrolled themselves in the Territorial Army from 1960 to 1965;

(b) the number of persons who have fulfilled the commitments made;

(c) the number of persons whose attendance had been less than 50 per cent of the total number of parades held;

(d) the number of persons who attended all the camps; and

(e) the total expenditure incurred thereon from 1960 to 1965?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) 41,034.

(b) 34,800.

(c) 6,234.

(d) 31,922. In addition, 8,492 who were not required to attend camps were called up for general embodiment during 1960—65.

(e) (i) Total expenditure on Territorial Army during 1960—65—Rs. 13,34,76,638.00.

(ii) Approximate expenditure on

(d) above—Rs. 2,03,52,000.00.

Islands in the Indian Ocean

409-A. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:

Shri Umanath:

Shri Yashpal Singh:

Shri George Fernandes:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.K. Government was negotiating to buy over certain Island in the Indian Ocean;

(b) if so, which are those Islands and who are their owners;

(c) whether the Government of India consider it essential to own