

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first article was written more than 15 years ago. General Chaudhuri claims that he had received general permission to write these articles. There is some evidence to show that he had the permission. The intention of the articles was stated to have been to arouse interest on military matters among the general public in an easily understandable language.

(c) Since the articles were written with the permission of Government, the question of action does not arise.

Facilities for Naga Delegation

*78. **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Hem Barua:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Naga delegation has asked for facilities to visit Britain for consultations with Mr. A. Z. Phizo; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) The Under-ground delegation when they called on the Prime Minister on 5th January, 1967, requested that their representative be allowed to visit London for holding consultations with Mr. Phizo.

(b) They were informed that in furtherance of the Common objective if reaching a peaceful settlement of the problem the Government of India would be prepared to extend normal facilities. No formal application has so far been received from the Under-ground representatives. As such the question of a decision does not arise.

Scheduled Caste Employees in A.I.R., New Delhi

85. **Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state

the number of staff artistes and employees in the All India Radio Station, New Delhi belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as on the 31st December, 1966?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): On 31st December, 1966 the number of Scheduled Caste regular employees and staff artistes at the Delhi Station of A.I.R. was 32 and 2 respectively. The number of Scheduled Tribes staff artists was only 1. The Delhi Station did not have any Scheduled Tribes employee on its regular establishment.

Radio Sets for Orissa

86. **Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of radio sets allotted for the rural areas of Orissa till the end of December, 1966?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): The number of radio sets allotted in the rural areas of Orissa till the end of December, 1966 is 9380.

Community Sets

87. **Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the community listening sets supplied to the Union Territories remain idle for most of the time; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for their proper maintenance?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) No, Sir. The information available does not confirm the presumption. Data for the quarter ending 31-12-1966