

Bangaon, in West Bengal area, and then turning in a northerly direction re-entered Pakistan territory. It penetrated about 8 nautical miles into Indian territory.

(b) A protest was lodged with the Government of Pakistan on 16-5-1967.

(c) Reply of the Government of Pakistan is awaited.

Resettlement Directorate

1470. Shri D. N. Patodia:
Shri Mohamed Imam:
Shri S. K. Tapariah:
Shri Gadilingana Gowd:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the details of alternative employment arranged by the Resettlement Directorate of his Ministry for the Emergency Commissioned Officers who have been served with quit notices; and

(b) whether complaints have been received about the unsatisfactory working of the Resettlement Directorate?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. B. Bhagat):

(a) Resettlement Directorate functions only as a liaison office between the potential employers and the ex-ECOs. Its role is to persuade the potential employers to give preference to the ECOs in the matter of filling vacancies in their offices and it has no authority to issue posting orders against such vacancies.

Government have taken steps to reserve certain percentages of permanent vacancies in the All India Services and various Central Services [posts Class I and Class II which are filled on the basis of a competitive examination and/or interview by the Union Public Service Commission, advertisements for which are published in all important newspapers of the country. It is for the individual officers to be on the look-out for such

advertisements and apply for them, if they are eligible.

Most of the State Governments have also issued orders reserving certain percentages of vacancies in their services for the ECOs. For these vacancies also the ECOs themselves have to apply to the appropriate authority as and when advertisements appear.

As for public undertakings and private firms the ECOs could apply for such vacancies as they come across, direct to the authority concerned with a copy to the Director General Resettlement who would then use his good offices to see that preference is given to the ECOs while making recruitment. The Ministry of Defence has also written to a number of important industrialists in the private sector for absorption of as many ECOs as possible in their organisations.

For the facility of the ECOs Resettlement Directorate will be issuing periodical bulletin giving the particulars of all vacancies (both reserved and unreserved) reported to them for the information of the ECOs who are due for release or have been released. A statement of vacancies so far reported to Resettlement Directorate is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-518/67].

(b) No specific complaints about the unsatisfactory working of the Resettlement Directorate have been received by the Government.

अहमदाबाद के निकट उपग्रह संचार केन्द्र

1472. श्री विजयनाथ वाखडेय : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अहमदाबाद के पास एक प्रयोगात्मक उपग्रह संचार केन्द्र स्थापित किया गया है और यह चालू हो गया है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कब ; और