

Genocide of Pushtoons

1484. **Shri M. L. Sondhi:** Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India propose to raise the question of genocide of Pushtoons by Pakistan in the United Nations Organisation; and

(b) if so, the details of the specific stand of India keeping in view the United Nations provisions for genocide?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

A.I.E. Artistes in Dharwar Station

1485. **Shri S. A. Agadi:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the article appearing in Prapancha, of the 14th May, 1967, published from Hubli, Mysore State regarding the partial and communal treatment meted out to the Artistes by the local Committee of the All India Radio, Dharwar;

(b) if so, the action contemplated to be taken in the matter;

(c) the names of the Members of the Advisory Committee;

(d) the basis on which the Advisory Committee is constituted; and

(e) the authority empowered to constitute the Advisory Committee?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No action is contemplated as the allegations made in the article are without any basis.

(c) The Hon. member is evidently referring to the local Audition Committee. The following are the non-official members of this Committee attached to the Dharwar Station:—

(i) Shri B. G. Angadi

(ii) Shri B. H. Inamdar

(iii) Shri S. S. Tuppad

(iv) Shri S. V. Bhirdikar

(v) Shri V. K. Koregaonkar

(vi) Shri D. B. Pathak

(d) The members of Local Audition Committees are selected on the basis of their knowledge of music.

(e) The Director General, All India Radio.

I.A.F. Dakota Accident

1486. **Shri K. N. Pandey:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether an I.A.F. Dakota crashed over the Khasi and Jaintia Hills District on the 5th May, 1967; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) Yes, Sir. The aircraft crashed on the hills north of Sherpai Range, about 35 miles north-west of Kumbhigram.

(b) The aircraft was on a courier flight between Kumbhigram and Gauhati. Contact with the aircraft was lost after 1000 hours and search for it was immediately undertaken. The wreckage was located on the 7th May, 1967 on the hills north of Sherpai Range. There were 14 persons on board the aircraft, including 4 members of the aircrew, and all were killed. The aircraft was totally destroyed. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to investigate the accident. Further details will be known when the proceedings of the Court on Inquiry are finalised.