

(b) the percentage of the local employees in this Undertaking?

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

(a) No, Sir. Appointments to various posts in Bharat Electronics Ltd. are made having due regard to the qualifications and the suitability of the candidates offering themselves for employment. The recruitment procedure followed by the Undertaking ensures ample opportunities to the people from Mysore State.

(b) Approximately 53 per cent.

Description of India as 'Hindu India' in National Geographical Magazine, U.S.A.

5847. Shri Samar Guha:  
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:  
Shri Nihal Singh:  
Shri Sheopujan Shastri:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether, after explanation of 'correct position to the authority of National Geographical Magazine of U.S.A. that describing 'secular India' as 'Hindu India' is contrary to the national objective of our country, the Magazine has ceased to term India as 'Hindu India'; and

(b) if not whether Government propose to bar the entry of that magazine in our country and send notes to all Geographical Institutes of the world explaining to them that the word 'Hindu India' is a misnomer for our country?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Use of the expression 'Hindu India' by the National Geographical Magazine of the U.S.A. has not been noticed after this was brought to their attention in March this year.

(b) Does not arise.

Pay-Scales of Commissioned Officers

5848 Shri Nitraj Singh Chaudhary:  
Shri Nathu Ram Ahirwar:  
Shri G. S. Mishra:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pay-scales of Indian Commissioned Officers have been revised since the inception of this cadre,

(b) if so, how many times,

(c) what were the pay-scales at the inception, and how they stood at each revision;

(d) whether Indian Commissioned Officers were getting Post, Arm or other allowances and if so, what were they and how much money was paid monthly;

(e) since when the said allowances or some of them have been withdrawn; and

(f) what allowances are in force now and how much money is payable to each?

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

(b) Five times in the case of Army and Air Force officers, and four times in the case of Naval officers

(c) The information is given in the Statements 'A', 'B' and 'C' in respect of Army, Navy and Air Force officers respectively. Laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1069/67].

(d) and (e) Yes Sir. The information is given in the attached Statement 'D'.

(f) The information is given in the Annual Report of the Ministry of Defence for the year 1966-67 at pages 130 to 132 (in respect of Army Officers), pages 151 to 153 (in respect of Naval Officers) and pages 166 to 168 (in respect of Air Force Officers). The rate of kit maintenance allowance has since