

investigate into the problems facing the press and propose plans for the development of the Indian Press; and

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

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has had the benefit of the recommendations of the Press Commission set up in 1952 and of the Enquiry Committee on Small Newspapers set up in 1964. Several of the recommendations having a bearing on the problem of the Press have been implemented and action is in hand on others.

Under the circumstances, the Government do not consider it necessary to set up another Committee to investigate the same area over again. However, it has been agreed to discuss the views of the representatives of the Publishers' Convention on July 22, 1967 in this behalf to see whether any further action is indicated.

Defence Expenditure on Defence Science Organisation

5886. Shri Parthasarathy: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state.

(a) what is the percentage of our total Defence expenditure that is allocated to our Defence Science Organisation in a year;

(b) how does it compare with that in U.K., U.S.A., U.S.S.R., Japan and France; and

(c) whether Government propose to raise it?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. E. Shagat):
(a) 1.3 per cent in 1967-68.

(b) The corresponding percentages in U.K., U.S.A., and U.S.S.R., vary between 12 to 15. The figures for Japan, and France, are not readily available.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Defence R&D Organisation has been slowly built up since 1958 and the R&D budget progressively increased, from Rs. 7.09 crores in 1963-64 to Rs. 12.8 crores in 1967-68.

P.M.'s Visit to Ceylon

5887. Shri D. C. Sharma:

Shri Rama:

Shri Ganpat Sahai:

Shri Giraj Saran Singh:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether the Prime Minister proposes to visit Ceylon during August, 1967;

(b) if so the purpose of the visit; and

(c) whether any agenda has been prepared for the visit?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (c). The Prime Minister proposes to undertake a goodwill visit to Ceylon in August or September 1967. It is in response to a long standing invitation of the Ceylon Prime Minister which was renewed recently. It is in the nature of a goodwill visit to a friendly neighbouring country. No agenda has been fixed.

Protest to Pakistan for Air Violations

5888. Shri Marandi: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any note from Pakistan in reply to India's protest notes on repeated Pakistani Air violations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government of India's reaction thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) It is presumed that the Honourable Member refers to the Defence Minister's statement in the House on the 4th July, 1967 on violation of Indian Air Space