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उज्जैन	89	60,308
पंजाबी	199	1,22,210
संरक्षित	31	-
वसिल	447	1,98,381
तेलुगु	328	1,30,334
उर्दू	900	2,70,573
तमिळी	65	14,278

Indian High Commissioner in Dacca

740. Shri Swell: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the reports in the Press that the hotel room of the Indian High Commissioner in Dacca, East Pakistan, was bugged in the presence of the High Commissioner;

(b) whether any report has been called from the High Commissioner; and

(c) whether any protest has been lodged with the Government of Pakistan?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) According to some newspaper reports, telephone repairmen came to the suite in which the High Commissioner was staying ostensibly in order to check the telephones there and in the rooms directly below on the lower floors, for making some adjustments, without realizing that the High Commissioner had already arrived and was present there.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Our Missions in Pakistan feel that telephone conversations of the officials of the Mission are monitored regularly. A protest has been lodged with the Government of Pakistan.

Sainik Housing Colonies

741. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sainik Housing Colonies proposed to be put up in

the country and the names of the places where these will be located;

(b) how many of them have been set up and the inmates resettled there;

(c) the progress made in the setting up of the Sainik Colony at Palampur (H.P.); and

(d) when its construction is proposed to be undertaken?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) 60 stations have been selected, apart from Delhi, for the first phase of the Scheme for setting up Sainik Housing Colonies all over the country. A list is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-427/67].

(b) Land has been acquired at Dabra Dun and Goa with funds collected from members. 800 developed plots have been promised by the Candigarh Administration at Chandigarh.

(c) and (d). No progress has so far been made and it is not possible to indicate when the Sainik Colony at Palampur is likely to be set up.

Anti-India Propaganda by Pak Radio

743. Shri Samar Guha: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan Government have recently intensified anti-Indian propaganda over the Radio Pak;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Radio Pak has concentrated its propaganda mainly on Kashmir issue;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any effective steps to counter such Pak. propaganda; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Government have refrained from any anti-Pakistan pro-

propaganda as such, particularly in their anxiety not to violate the Tashkent spirit. However, they have naturally been taking steps to counteract any false propaganda carried on by Radio Pakistan. The A.I.R. broadcasts regular news commentaries and talks in various languages, analysing tendentious statements and false news publicized by Pakistan.

Atomic Engineering

744. Shri Samar Guha:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether, apart from the issue of desirability of making nuclear weapons by India, Government consider it essential that India should not fall behind other countries in developing the technology of Atomic Engineering; and

(b) whether for keeping in the line of advancement in Atomic Engineering and for utilising blasting energy of atom for peaceful and constructive purposes, Government should ask the Atomic Energy Commission to undertake underground experimental work in fission of nuclear fuels that are available and processed in India?

The Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy (Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. We are determined not to lag behind in acquiring knowledge of science and technology for the utilisation of atomic energy for peaceful purposes. Consistent with this aim, the Atomic Energy Commission has constantly under review all aspects of experimental work.

Islamic Economic Bloc

745. Shri Bharaj Madhok:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Atam Das:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is planning to set up an Islamic

Economic Bloc consisting of Pakistan, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Jordan;

(b) whether the proposed economic bloc is to be followed by a military bloc of the same countries outside CENTO;

(c) whether Government have assessed the implications of the creation of such a bloc for the security of India; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to counteract this new move of Pakistan?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Reports have been received that Pakistan has called for cooperation and collaboration in the economic field among Muslim countries.

(b) While there has been some speculation about the formation of a military pact between Pakistan and certain countries of West Asia, Government have not been able to obtain confirmation of the formation of such a pact.

(c) and (d). The Government are watching the developments in this regard and suitable action is being taken.

Defence expenditure

746. Shri S. C. Jha: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last fifteen years, India's per capita defence expenditure has been less than that of Pakistan on the whole; and

(b) if so, whether the recent American aid to Pakistan has increased Pakistan's per capita defence expenditure as compared to that of India's?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. K. Bhagat): (a) and (b). I much regret that no definite conclusion on this question can be stated in the absence of relevant accurate statistics about Pakistan. As