

far as we can estimate the Pakistan figures the position is that Pakistan's per capita expenditure on defence is higher than ours. It is too early to estimate the effect of recent American announcement on Pakistan's defence budget.

Indian Navy Stores Provisioning System

747. Shri A. Sreedharan: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether any defects in the working of the Indian Navy Stores Provisioning system have been brought to the notice of Government; and

(b) if so, their extent and the steps taken to remedy these defects?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swarn Singh): (a) and (b). The following defects have been brought to the notice of Government:

- (i) Delay in the materialisation of Naval stores for which orders are placed on the Ministry of Defence (Navy) U.K., which does not indicate any delivery dates with the result that stores received may not be fully utilised.
- (ii) Unrealistic estimates in some cases for provisioning of indigenous stores.

The following steps have been taken to remedy these defects:

- (i) Indents are placed on the Ministry of Defence (Navy), U.K., only for classified items or for those which are manufactured under licence from the UK Ministry of Defence (Navy) or those available at concessional prices from their surpluses. Other indents are placed on the India Supply Mission in London which enters into contracts with specific delivery dates.
- (ii) Instructions have been issued to assess anticipated expendi-

ture on stores with greater care before formulating requirements.

Sainik School in Orissa

748. Shri Chintamanil Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the complaints by the guardians of the students in Sainik School in Orissa regarding inadequate food served to the students and lack of proper dress and clothings of the students; and

(b) if so, the steps which are proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) and (b). Government have not received any complaint in the matter of dress or clothing supplied to students of the Sainik School, Orissa. In the last meeting of the Board of Governors of the Sainik School Society, the representative of Orissa Government referred to the inadequacy of the existing diet charges of Rs. 2 per head per day. The Board felt that this was a general problem related to the price level and the diet generally available in other Public Schools. Accordingly it decided to carry out a survey of the diet available in the Sainik Schools vis-a-vis the other Public Schools, the results thereof to be referred to the Indian Council of Medical Research for advice. A decision will be taken when the survey, which is now in progress, is completed and the advice of the Indian Council of Medical Research obtained.

Indians in Bhutan

749. Shri Sheopujan Shastri:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report on the treatment to Indians in Bhutan

appearing in 'Yugdharma' of the 5th May, 1967, published from Rairour;

(b) if so, the identity of the Officers who related these tales of woe;

(c) whether the true facts and information have been obtained; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Government have initiated enquiries to determine the correctness of the report:

हिन्दी समाचार कक्ष

750. श्री रामबन्ध बोरपा: : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्दी को लोक प्रिय बनाने के उद्देश्य से सरकार ने धरोजी की तरह का 'हिन्दी समाचार कक्ष' स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव रखा है ताकि समाचार हिन्दी में प्राप्त किये जा सकें ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस दिशा में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ग) इस कक्ष में काम कब तक प्रारम्भ हो जायेगा ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री को० के शाह): (क) से (ग)। इस समय समाचार प्राप्ति के मुख्य साधन दो समाचार एजेंसियाँ—प्रेस ट्रस्ट ऑफ इंडिया और यूनाइटेड न्यूज प्राफ इंडिया हैं। वे अपनी मामूली धरोजी में भेजती हैं। परीक्षण के तौर पर हम हिन्दी में भी खबरें प्राप्त कर रहे हैं। हिन्दी समाचार एजेंसी से खबरें लेने के प्रश्न पर सक्रिय रूप से विचार हो रहा है।

2. धरम हिन्दी समाचार कक्ष स्थापित करना इस समय व्यवहार्य नहीं है परन्तु हिन्दी समाचार बुलेटिनों और कमेंटारियों के लिए

ज्यादा से ज्यादा सामग्री हिन्दी में ही तैयार करने के लिए कदम उठाए गए हैं। इस समय हिन्दी की सभी बातों और कमेंटारियों सीधी हिन्दी में ही तैयार की जाती हैं, और दैनिक समाचार बुलेटिनों का प्राधिकार प्राप्त भी सीधा हिन्दी में ही तैयार किया जाता है। अन्ततः "हिन्दी समाचार कक्ष" स्थापित करने की प्रक्रिया को तेज करने के लिए कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं, बसंत कि साधन उपलब्ध हों।

Sainik School at Kittur (Mysore)

751. Shri S. A. Agadi: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the Rani Chennamma Sainik School for Girls at Kittur, District Belgaum, Mysore State;

(b) if so, the date on which the foundation stone was laid;

(c) the date on which the scheme was sanctioned and the particulars thereof; and

(d) when the School is likely to start functioning?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) to (d). On 10-1-1967 the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the Rani Chennamma Residential School for girls at Kittur in Belgaum district Mysore. The school is a project of the State Government unconnected with the Sainik Schools run by the Sainik Schools Society and concerns the State Government alone.

Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Board, Darbhanga

752. Shri Bhogendra Jha: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board, Darbhanga does not meet regularly and does not help the ex-servicemen