

SAINIK SCHOOLS IN WEST BENGAL

4759. SHRI B. K. DAS CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Sainik Schools in West Bengal with locations thereof;

(b) the number of students receiving education therein; and

(c) the annual expenditure incurred thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA):

(a) One, at Purulia.

(b) 280.

(c) Estimated expenditure for the year 1967 is Rs. 4,13,348/-

DEVELOPMENT OF ROCKETS

4760. SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Rocket with a new type of Nose-cone was fired at Thumba; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal for the deployment of these rockets for defence purposes ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes Sir. Recently a Judit rocket was fired with a dart which was completely made in India.

(b) No, Sir.

ARTISTES IN SONG AND DRAMA DIVISION

4761. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of artistes, State-wise, recruited by the Song and Drama Division in the year 1967 ;

(b) the minimum and maximum pay scale for the artistes so recruited;

(c) whether it is a fact that the artistes are facing grave difficulties in getting residential accommodation at Delhi; and

(d) if so, the arrangements being made to provide the artistes with residential accommodation ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) 277 artistes as follows :—

1. Assam	31
2. Manipur and Tripura	43
3. Bihar	26
4. Jammu and Kashmir	18
5. Haryana	7
6. Uttar Pradesh	72
7. Himachal Pradesh	34
8. Punjab	12
9. Delhi	10
10. Maharashtra	1
11. Kerala	5
12. West Bengal	7
13. Rajasthan	5
14. Andhra Pradesh	1
15. Gujarat	2
16. Madhya Pradesh	3
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(b) 1. Actors and Actresses	215—440
2. Dancers	215—440
3. Singers	215—400
4. Instrumentalists (Sr.)	215—400
5. Instrumentalists (Jr.)	133—265
6. Stage Decorator	215—400
7. Make up man-cum-Dresser	210—320
8. Stage Assistants	133—195
9. Instructor	Consolidated
	Fee Rs. 200·00 p.m.
10. Performer	Consolidated
	Fee Rs. 150·00 p.m.
11. Training Assistant	Consolidated
	Fee Rs. 100·00 p.m.

(c) and (d). The artists on a regular pay scale are eligible for Government accommodation from the general pool like other Government employees. Those who are unable to secure such accommodation get house rent allowance as admissible under the rules.