

Protection of Borders

561. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are separate army divisions to protect the borders; and

(b) if so, whether there is Himalayan Army to protect Northern borders?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b). There are no separate divisions as such, nor is there any Himalayan Army to protect the borders. Our divisions are suitably trained and equipped to protect the borders in mountain regions as well as in the plains.

Use of Earth Stations for T.V. Programmes

562. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Earth Stations at Dehradun and Lachiwala Forest linked at New Delhi are being used to channel T. V. Programmes; and

(b) if so, whether that link is being used to relay T.V. programmes in the South?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Earth Station at Dehradun is linked to the INTELSAT system for international telecommunication and television exchange.

Filling of Character Certificates along with Applications for Government Jobs

563. SHRI SHAMBUNATH CHATURVEDI. Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

whether Government propose to abolish the requirement of filling character certificates with applications for Government jobs?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH): No, Sir.

Water Shortage in Asansol Coalfield area

564. SHRI ROBIN SEN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether drought situation prevails in every summer season in Asansol coalfield area; and

(b) if so, whether the Eastern Coalfield Ltd. authorities will be directed to supply water to the nearby villages by filling up the dried up tanks?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) It is true that water scarcity prevails in the summer season in Asansol coalfield area.

(b) The only source of water for the population residing in colliery areas belonging to Eastern Coalfields Ltd. is the pit water. The authorities have to supply water first to their own workers and their dependents living in the colliery premises. After meeting this obligation where they have still excess water, they have been allowing filling up of tanks of those villages which are within the precincts of the colliery.

मरुति लिमिटेड, द्वारा भूमि का प्रर्जन

565. श्री प्रजुन सिंह मदीरिया :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) छोटी कार (मरुति) बनाने वाले कारखाने की स्थापना कब हुई तथा इसके निर्माण हेतु किन किन जगहों की जमीन ली गई और कितनी;