Dr. Keskar: Of these 97, those who are eligible according to the rules will certainly be absorbed.

Oral Answers

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether most of these posts are contract posts with the result that there is difficulty in the people getting security and why the ban of the Home Ministry has not yet been taken away?

Mr. Speaker: I think he has said that the ban has been lifted.

Dr. Keskar: In the News Services Division, there is no contract post. It is in the Press Information Bureau that contract posts exist. As I said the ban has been taken by the Home Ministry.

USE OF AMERICAN ARMS BY PAKISTAN

*1436. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian army have captured certain arms and ammunition used by Pakistani forces at Hussainiwala and other border areas which were recently attacked by them:
- (b) if so, whether those arms have been examined; and
- (c) whether as a result of the examination of those arms, it has been found that American arms were used by the Pakistani forces while attacking the Indian border?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) Some arms used by Pakistani forces were captured at Hussainiwala.

- (b) and (c) The arms have been examined. They are not of American origin.
- regard to the numerous border incidents that have followed one another and the heavy firings resorted to by Pakistan, may I know whether this waste of fire-arms would have been

possible if Pakistan had not been receiving free supply of fire arms from America?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): It is rather an extraordinary question. I really do not know what the hon. Member is driving at by his laboured argument.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether the Parliamentary Secretary is in a position to tell us the make of the arms found in the area?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Only bren guns, sten guns, grenades and some rifles.

Shri B. S. Murthy: I wanted the answer as to the country in which these arms had been made. Is there any possibility of knowing it.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have not got that information. All I can say is that they are not American.

Shri G. P. Sinha: May I know whether the arms seized in the Pakistan border recently are of Pakistan manufacture?

Mr. Speaker: The last portion of it is not audible.

Shri G. P. Sinha: I wanted to know whether the arms seized on the Pakistan border were manufactured in Pakistan?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Is the hon. Member referring to these few arms captured or generally about the...

Shri G. P. Sinha: These arms recently seized on the Pakistan border.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I am sorry I cannot say.

Shri Kamath: rose-

Mr. Speaker: We have had a number of questions.

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- *1437. Shri Kamath: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:
- (a) whether his attention has been drawn to a reported statement of the