

work due to labour unrest and power cuts, and also the difficulties arising out of embargo placed by some countries on the export of certain equipment and materials.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Unit-I is expected to be completed by the end of 1980 and Unit II by early 1983. Commissioning will be taken up thereafter.

**Decision to remove disparities in promotion avenues of Army and Civilian officers**

1695. SHRI UTTAM RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision in regard to removing disparities in the promotion avenues and change of ranks of Army officers and Civilian officers, which were under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI C.P.N. SINGH):** (a) to (c) The promotional avenues of the various ranks of armed forces personnel are based upon the organisational structure, the functional requirements and the terms and conditions peculiar to the Defence Services which in many cases are not comparable to those of civilian cadres. Government however have recently reviewed the career prospects in the armed forces and carried out a cadre review of officers up to the rank of Brigadier and equivalent in the other two Services to improve their promotional opportunities. Details are as follows:—

(i) Nearly 60 per cent prospects of career improvement have been provided for those in the rank of Majors and equivalent in the other two

Services, 20 per cent of which will be through the introduction of a selection grade.

(ii) About 50 per cent prospects for career improvement have been provided for those in the rank of Lt. Colonel and equivalents in the other two Services. This again will include 10 per cent through selection grade.

(iii) 125 posts of Lt. Colonels/Colonels in the Army have been upgraded to that of Brigadier. 10 posts of Group Captains in the Air Force have been upgraded to that of Air Commodore. On the Navy side, the Government have agreed, in principle, to upgrade 52 posts from Commanders to that of Captain.

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1696. श्री बिरछी चन्द्र जैन :  
क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे  
कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय सेना, राजस्थान में भारत पाक सीमा से लगे कई स्थानों पर हर वर्ष अभ्यास करती है और प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन करती है ;

(ख) क्या इन अभ्यासों और प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमों के दौरान स्थानीय लोगों को हुई वैयक्तिक क्षति की रक्षा विभाग द्वारा मुआवजा दिया जाता है ; यदि हां, तो उसका मानदण्ड क्या है और मुआवजा मंजूर करने वाला सक्षम प्राधिकारी कौन है ;

(ग) क्या इसमें राज्य के पदाधिकारियों का भी सहयोग लिया जाता है, यदि हां, तो कौन सा पदाधिकारी और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;