

an *ad hoc* basis and they will be replaced by qualified Hindi Assistants as soon as they become available.

(d) The information is not readily available.

#### **Aeroplane Accident near Poona**

**1631. Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Air Force Officer was killed in an air crash 22 miles away from Poona on or about the 29th August, 1957; and

(b) if so, whether this is the second accident within that week?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) One Indian Air Force Officer was killed in an air crash 18 miles south of Poona on 28th August 1957.

(b) No.

#### **Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service**

**1632. Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2436 on the 29th May, 1956 and state:

(a) the number of Stenographers who did not pass the U.P.S.C. Test, but were confirmed recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that at the time of framing rules for the centralisation of recruitment of Stenographers in the Central Secretariat and its Attached Offices displaced persons were specifically excluded from the operation of the concession under para 3 (c) of Ministry of Home Affairs Office Memorandum No 27/6/45 ests(s) dated 31st December, 1957; and

(c) if so, reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) The confirmation of Stenographers, who were exempted from passing the examination held by the Union Public Service Commission,

took place long ago, and none of them was confirmed recently.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Drama Camp**

**1633. Shri Kodiyam:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 942 on the 27th August, 1957 and state:

(a) the salient features of the drama camp held in 1957-58;

(b) the number of people who participated in the camp; and

(c) the various heads under which Rs. 9,117 were spent?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) The Dramatics Training Camp conducted at Matheran from 13th May to 4th June, 1957, was attended by teachers nominated by 7 Universities for short term training in the techniques of Dramatics.

(b) 15.

(c) A statement is placed on the table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix V, annexure No. 67].

#### **Cantonment Board Employees**

**1634. Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether the Pay Commission will also consider the wages and service conditions of the Cantonment Board Employees?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): No. Sir.

#### **Manufacture of Binoculars and Microscopes in Ordnance Factories**

**1635. Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether microscopes and binoculars are being manufactured in Ordnance Factories; and