

Naval Aviation

372. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) how many Sea and Amphibious Aircraft are at the disposal of the Naval Aviation Wing;

(b) how many and what sort of aircraft have been acquired since 1957;

(c) whether the officer incharge of the Wing is an Indian; and

(d) whether the help of any foreign expert was requisitioned?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramalah): (a) Nine.

(b) Five Firefly Mark I Target Towing and three HT2 trainer aircraft.

(c) Yes.

(d) This question is not quite clear. It may, however, be stated that three officers of the Royal Navy who are pilots of very considerable experience are on loan to the Indian Navy at present.

Name of the Course

(1) Potential Bandmasters' Course

(2) Regimental Musicians Course.

(3) Pipers' Course.

(4) Pipe Mand Drummers' Course.

(5) Buglers' Course.

(6) Trumpeters' Course.

(d) 7 are under training and 188 have already completed their training during this year.

Scheduled Castes Students in Banaras University

374. Shri Ganpati Ram: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the facilities that are given to the Scheduled Castes students in Banaras Hindu University in respect of admission, hostel accommodation, free scholarship etc; and

Military School of Music, Pachmarhi

373. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) when the Military School of Music at Pachmarhi was started;

(b) how many persons have been trained since the inception of the School;

(c) what are the qualifications required to join the School; and

(d) how many are under training in 1957?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramalah): (a) The Military Music Wing of the AFC Centre and School, Pachmarhi, was started on 23-10-50.

(b) 1101.

(c) Army personnel, who have had training in Regimental Bands are eligible for the various music courses in the School. The categories given below are, in addition, required to have the following Educational qualifications:—

Educational qualifications required

(i) Army 2nd Class Certificate of Education.

(ii) Army 3rd Class English Certificate.

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(b) the total number of students admitted in each college and the number of Scheduled Castes students admitted so far class-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Shri M. M. Das): A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 33].

Contraband Opium

375. Shri Ganpati Ram: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) how much contraband opium has been recovered and how many