

**S. S. Exchequer**

**2474. Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an American liner freighter *S. S. Exchequer* ran aground and an I.N.S. ship was sent to help the ship in distress between the night of 4th and 5th July, 1960; and

(b) if so, what help has rendered by the Indian Navy?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** (a) Yes, Sir. Two Indian Naval vessels *Hathi* and *Ganga* which were ordered to assist *S. S. Exchequer* left Cochin at 1000 and 1400 hours respectively on 4th July and not during the night of 4th and 5th July.

(b) These vessels made repeated efforts between 5th and 9th July to refloat *S. S. Exchequer* which had run aground. Her bow and one third of her length was aground and the aforementioned attempts were unsuccessful in refloating the ship. With the arrival on the scene of the Dutch *Tug Elbe*, the two I.N. ships returned to Cochin on 10th July.

**Clerks in A.O.C.**

**2475. Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total civilian clerical strength in the Army Ordnance Corps;

(b) whether it is a fact that the L.D.Cs. recruited in the A.O.C. as long back as in the year 1942/43 are still LDCs;

(c) what are the avenues of promotions for such personnel; and

(d) what is the total strength of gazetted posts on the clerical side?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** (a) 5583 as at the beginning of August 1960.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The line of promotion for Lower Division Clerks in Upper Division Clerks; Assistant Head Clerks; Head Clerks and Ordnance Officers (Civ) (Admin).

(d) 37.

**Smuggling of Country Liquor**

**2476. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the measures the Delhi Administration is going to adopt to combat smuggling of country liquor; and

(b) to what extent has the prohibition scheme in the Capital proved successful?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** (a) The measures already taken are considered to be adequate.

(b) The various restrictive measures taken by the Delhi Administration towards the enforcement of gradual prohibition in the Capital have yielded good results.

**Display of Indian Rare Manuscripts in Leningrad Exhibition**

**2477. Shri Kalika Singh:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) who owns the rare manuscripts of the popular Buddhist work "SADHARMA PUNDARIKA" and the treatise on Buddhist philosophy 'KASHYAPARIVARTA' said to be more than 2000 years old which were exhibited in Leningrad Exhibition in June, 1960;

(b) how the manuscripts came into possession of Indian and Central Asian repositories of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences' Orientalology Institute; and

(c) how many such rare manuscripts concerning India were shown in Leningrad Exhibition?