

Information Service, conducted by U.P.S.C. from among the persons working in A.I.R. Publication Division and Press Information Bureau;

(b) how many of them were successful in written test; and

(c) how many of them were finally recommended by U.P.S.C.?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) 177.

(b) 46 candidates from amongst them were called by the U.P.S.C. for interview, on the basis of their performance in the written test.

(c) Ten.

Indian Military Attache at Cairo

1425-S. { Shri P. G. Deb;
Shri D. C. Sharma;
Shri N. K. Muniswamy;
Shri F. C. Borooah;
Shri Agadi;
Shri M. Rampure;
Shri Sugandhi;
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Military Attache in Cairo was manhandled in the Bazar recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the incident?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes.

(b) On the night of 28th September, 1961, the Indian Military Attache went out with the Air Attache of another friendly Mission in the latter's car on some business related to his work. When they came out of a restaurant, the two noticed that their car was damaged by a military vehicle. Upon their reporting the matter to the police authorities, the occupants of the said military vehicle got angry and did further damage to the Attache's car and beat up the two officers.

The matter was subsequently reported to the U.A.R. Government who,

in expressing their regrets over the incident, have undertaken to investigate it. The result of the investigation is awaited.

Nuclear Explosions by U.S.S.R.

1425-T. { Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri;
Shri P. G. Deb;
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nuclear tests explosions carried on by the Government of Russia since the Lok Sabha met last;

(b) the detailed information about the effects (fall-out) of these explosions on India, if any;

(c) the details of protests, if any, made by the Government of India to the Government of Russia in connection with these explosions;

(d) the details of replies, received, if any from the Government of Russia; and

(e) the nature of any other action taken by the Government of India in connection with these nuclear explosions?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) No official information is available. American reports, however, estimate that the Soviet Union has carried out 50 test explosions since it commenced resumption of these tests on the 1st of September, 1961.

(b) Atmospheric tests result in increased radio-activity in the air, rain-water, soil, food-stuffs and in all environments. An increase in radio-activity has been observed in the air over the country. A few food samples collected at Bombay have also shown the presence of radio-activity from recent tests. Detailed investigations, with a view to estimating the actual increase in the radiation dose as a result of these tests, are in progress but it can be said with assurance that the dose is still much below the hazardous level.