

**Medium wave transmitter at Rajkot**

7002. SHRI MALLIKARJUN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the medium wave transmitter at Rajkot has started functioning ; and

(b) its areas of coverage and the number of listeners likely to be brought under its purview ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) It serves Afghanistan, Iran, the Gulf countries, parts of Saudi Arabia, Iraq and West Pakistan. In India, it can be heard in the states of Gujarat and parts of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. It is not possible to estimate the number of listener surveys are undertaken abroad.

**B.S.F. personnel killed and injured by Pak Firing**

7003. SHRI MALLIKARJUN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Boarder Security Force sapoy was killed and any seriously injured as Pakistani troops opened fire with machine guns and morters on Ghojadanga border outpost in 24 Parganas district on the morning of 9th July, 1971 ;

(b) whether during the above incident a large number of civilians were also injured and the Border Security Force outpost was seriously damaged ; and

(c) if so, how the Pakistani troops could come so near to our border outpost undetacted and the steps taken to check the recurrence of these incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to

(c). On 9th July, 1971, Pakistan Army troops shelled with mortar and artillery guns, the Indian BOP Ghojadanga, district 24 Parganas from their BOP Bhemra in Bengla Desh. As a result, one BSF Constable was killed and one NK and one Head Constable received splinter injuries ; the border outpost was damaged. There is no information about injury to civilians due to this shelling.

Pakistan Army has been indulging in such provocative firing from time to time ; the B.S.F. opened up their guns and effectively silenced the Pakistan Army shelling. Protests have been lodged with the Pakistan Government. The BSF has clear instructions to reply effectively to any attempts by Pakistan force to intrude into, or shell or fire upon Indian territory.

**Interview of Section Officers for drawing a Panel for senior Analysts posts**

7004. SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Section Officers were interviewed in the Department of Personnel in February, 1971 for drawing a panel for the posts of Senior Analysts in the Government of India ;

(b) whether the names of 46 persons were approved and recommended by the Interview Board out of which Government have decided to take in the panel the names of only 20 Section Officers having minimum of eight years service ;

(c) the reasons for deleting the names of other Section Officers having less than eight years service and who were duly approved by the Interview Board ; and

(d) whether any Section Officer with less than eight years service was appointed Senior Analyst out of a similar panel formed in the year 1970 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c). Posts of Senior Analysts (Senior Class