

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The periodicity of the publication was changed from fortnightly to weekly from 1st January 1970

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Consequent on detection of exaggerated circulation claims on the basis of which newsprint was allotted to the newspaper for the years 1967-68, 1968-69 and 1969-70, necessary adjustment in the newsprint quota of the paper is being made. Its entitlement for the year 1970-71 has already been reduced by 19.83 tonnes and the balance will be adjusted against its entitlement for 1971-72.

(d) Yes Sir.

Launching of a Satellite by India

7594. **SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA :** Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether India will attempt to launch its first Satellite in 1974 and if so, the estimated cost of this Satellite ;

(b) the place from where this Satellite would be launched ;

(c) whether this attempt is being made in collaboration with some foreign Government ; and

(d) if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. India will attempt to launch for first scientific satellite in 1974 and the estimated cost of development of the satellite is Rs. 3 crores.

(b) the satellite would be launched from Sriharikota Range (SHAR).

(c) It would be an entirely Indian effort and no foreign country would be collaborating in this project.

(d) Does not arise.

Recruitment of Vice-Principals for Higher Secondary Schools in Delhi

7595. **SHRI AMBESH :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the U.P.S.C. does not

recruit Vice-Principals of the Higher Secondary Schools of the Delhi Administration, Delhi, though it is a Class II post ;

(b) whether the U.P.S.C. has any information that the Delhi Administration has promoted 21 teachers as Vice-Principals and no representation has been given to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes ; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the U.P.S.C. in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as available

Enquiry into the Sheshnag Tragedy

7596. **SHRI G. Y KRISHNAN :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the enquiry into the Sheshnag tragedy has been completed , and

(b) if so, the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have since published the Report of the Committee of Inquiry on Amarnath Yatra 1970 appointed by them and issued orders on the recommendations of the Committee. They have also appointed another Committee under the chairmanship of the Minister of State for Tourism of Jammu and Kashmir for implementation of the recommendations as further modified by them. A copy of Order No 757-GD of 1971, dated 25th March, 1971, issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Librarv. See No. LT-883/71].

Alleged Visit of West Bengal by Shri Zaidi in Home Ministry

7597. **SHRI SAMAR GUHA :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Shri Zaidi of the Home Ministry took with him three Muslim