

Farmers in Indian Army

54. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Indian Army personnel who are farmers by origin;

(b) whether it was considered at any time to engage the army for a few months in a year in cultivation work;

(c) whether it was considered at any time to use suitable army equipments in land reclamation and cultivation work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat):

(a) 61.5 per cent.

(b) to (d). While it has not been considered necessary to engage the Army for some months in the year in cultivation work, Regimental Farms do exist in which Army personnel engage themselves outside their normal hours of work. At the time of natural calamities Army assistance has been provided at the request of civil authorities to fight flood and famine. No regular use of Army equipment for land reclamation or cultivation work has either been made or thought of.

British Recruiting Camps for Gurkhas in India

55. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:
Shri Bharda Nand:
Shri Bharat Singh:
Shri Kanjit Singh:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of British recruiting camps which are within India to recruit Gurkhas;

(b) the number of persons recruited through such Centres during the years from 1960 to 1966;

(c) the number of transit camps which are there for their transit facilities in India;

(d) the total number of personnel transited through such camps during the above period;

(e) the source of procurement of ration for these personnel, specially cereals; and

(f) whether our Intelligence service keeps a thorough check on the activities of Gurkha recruiting camps and transit camps?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is one transit camp at Barackpur.

(d) and (e). Such information as might be available is being collected.

(f) Our relations with the countries concerned are most cordial.

Special Information Cell in Indian Embassy at Washington

56. Shri Inderjit Malhotra: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to create a "Special Information Cell" dealing specifically with agricultural information, at our Embassy in Washington; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). The suggestion has been considered, but due to lack of funds, it has not been possible to increase the staff of the Information Wing of the Embassy, which along with the Economic Wing, is handling agricultural information in addition to its publicity work.

Sainik School in Jamaica

57. Shri Inderjit Malhotra: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1557 on the 8th August, 1966 and state:

(a) whether the Central Government have since received any request

from the Jammu and Kashmir Government for the opening of a Sainik School in Jammu; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter stands at present?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Relations between India and China

58. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh efforts have been made either from the Indian or the Chinese side to improve relations between the two countries since our Prime Minister's declarations for making efforts to improve relations with China in the First Session of the Fourth Lok Sabha;

(b) if so, the nature of such efforts; and

(c) whether the relations between China and India have now improved in any manner or the relations have further worsened?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (c). Though the Government of India are willing, now as before, to work for an improvement of relations, the Chinese Government have failed to respond positively. Instead, they have taken an increasingly hostile stand, slandering the people and the Government of India and advocating violent revolution in this country. In this sense, the relations between the two countries may be said to have worsened.

झांझारवाणी के संबंध वाला

59. श्री श्रीकार लाल बोरवा: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करें कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ देशों की राजधानियों में झांझारवाणी के संवाददाताओं को नियुक्त करने के प्रस्ताव को अस्वीकार कर लिया गया है;

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(ख) इन संवाददाताओं को किन-किन राजधानियों में नियुक्त किया जायेगा;

(ग) क्या अन्य देशों की राजधानियों में भी इन संवाददाताओं को नियुक्त करने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो उसका ध्येय क्या है और इन प्रस्तावों को कब क्रियान्वित किये जाने की सम्भावना है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री के० के० शाह): (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) अफ्रीका में आदि सभ्यता में और दक्षिण पूर्व एशिया में हांगकांग में एक एक संवाददाता तैनात करने का विचार है।

(ग) जी, नहीं, निकट भविष्य में नहीं।

(घ) सवाल नहीं उठता।

विदेशी भाषाओं में प्रसारण

60. श्री श्रीकार सिंह:

श्री श्रीकार लाल बोरवा:

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले पांच वर्षों में, विशेषतः चीनी आक्रमण के बाद, झांझारवाणी से कितनी विदेशी भाषाओं में प्रसारण प्रारम्भ किये गये हैं तथा ये प्रसारण किस-किस भाषा में किये जाते हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने तब से भारतीय अथवा विदेशी प्रेसकों के द्वारा प्रभाव के सम्बन्ध में और विशेष रूप से इन प्रसारणों का मूल्यांकन कराया है; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो उसका क्या परिणाम रहा?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री के० के० शाह): (क) चीनी आक्रमण के बाद विदेशी भाषाओं में तीन नये प्रसारण शुरू किये गये; ये भाषाएँ बार्द, सिन्धी और अफ़ग़ानी-फारसी हैं।