

(c) Does not arise at present.

Lessons of UAR-Israel Conflict

3642. Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Samar Guha:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have deduced any lessons from the U.A.R.-Israel conflict helpful to our nation both from the military and international relations points of view;

(b) if so, what are they; and

(c) whether Government propose to take or suggest any measures through the U.N. for permanent peace in that part of the world?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). Recent developments in West Asia show force resolves no problem and peace and stability cannot be achieved in that region without the complete withdrawal of the armed forces of Israel from the areas recently occupied by them.

(c) India has consistently stood for peace and is actively working in the U.N. and outside towards this end.

Statement by Maj.-General Rikhye

3643. Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:
Shri Samar Guha:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the statement made by Maj.-Gen. Rikhye, UNEF Commander, regarding the death of the Indian personnel of the UNEF in Gaza in his report to the U.N. Secretary-General which says: 'A contributing factor to the casualties suffered from artillery fire was the proximity of the United Arab Republic military positions to the camps concentrated'; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). There were a number of incidents in which Israeli forces attacked the Indian personnel of UNEF. The statement could only relate to one of those incidents and even with regard to that one incident further enquiries are necessary in order to establish its validity.

Employment of Artists

3644. Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Kam Gopal Shalwale:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to employ the artists trained in the Indian Film Institute, Poona in Radio and TV programmes; and

(b) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah):

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government is working out proposals for the employment of Diploma-holders from the Film Institute of India, Poona in the Television Centre of All India Radio and a Committee has been constituted to go into the details of posts and lay down recruitment rules and procedures. There is no proposal for their employment for sound broadcasting.

(b) The decision will be taken as early as possible.

Recruiting Centres for Air Force

3646. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recruiting centres and sub-centres established so far State-wise for recruitment to the Air Force;

(b) whether Government propose to open one such centre in each State; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?