

(e) if so, whether the ship had to curtail the goodwill visit and return home?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) and (b). During their goodwill visit to Kuwait from 16-3-1965 to 20-3-1965, INS VIKRANT and INS KUTTHAR anchored off Mina-al-Ahmedi, in accordance with the normal practice in Kuwait in the case of visiting Naval ships.

(c) Yes, Sir, except when they proceeded ashore in organised parties.

(d) Receptions were given by the Kuwait authorities in connection with the visit of the Indian Naval ships.

(e) The ships did not have to curtail their goodwill visit to Kuwait.

#### Facilities for Jawans

3651. Shri Narendra Singh Mahida: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various State administrations are not paying as much attention towards the needs of the service personnel as was done during the Indo-Pakistan conflict;

(b) whether facilities for jawans like the allotment of land for housing and agricultural purposes are quickly granted;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a scholarship to the son of the late Major Shaheed Singh 'the hero of Chushul' was promised by the Chief Minister of Rajasthan; and

(e) if so, whether it is a fact that the Director of Education, Rajasthan Government rejected his application and the Major's son had to discontinue his studies?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) to (c). No specific cases to the effect that the State Governments are not paying as much attention towards the needs of service personnel as was

done during the Indo-Pak conflict regarding land for house and agricultural purposes, have been brought to the notice of Government.

(d) and (e). The Government of Rajasthan has been addressed to furnish the required information, it will be laid on the Table of the House, when received.

#### Military Trucks for Water Supply in Bihar

3652. Shri Atam Das: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some military Trucks have been loaned to the Bihar Government for bringing drinking water in drought affected areas of Bihar;

(b) whether such an assistance has also been provided by the Military authorities in the drought affected areas of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) Yes.

(b) No such request has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh and the question of giving such assistance therefore does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Rations for Military Personnel

3653. Shri Atam Das: Shri Ram Avtar Sharma:

The Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rations for military personnel have been reduced;

(b) if so, whether the reduction is temporary;

(c) whether it is also a fact that short supply of food to the jawans has affected their health and efficiency; and