

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal to set up a transmitter in North Bihar in view of the dangers of the Chinese Aggression from the Northern side of the country is under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Sham Nath): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A low power mediumwave transmitter is being installed at Kanpur for radiating the Vividh Bharati Service. It is expected to be completed by September, 1963.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. The regions in North Bihar are covered by the existing mediumwave transmitter at Patna and the 10 KW. mediumwave transmitter which is being installed at Bhagalpur.

Financial Assistance to Bhutan

406. { Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Hem Raj:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bhutanese National Assembly has urged the Government of India to continue to give financial and technical aid to Bhutan; and

(b) if so, the attitude of the Government of India in this regard?

The Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). The Government of India have not received any request from the Bhutanese National Assembly for giving financial and technical aid to Bhutan. However, the Government of India are financing Bhutan's Five Year Development Plan and have undertaken to make available financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 17.32 crores for this purpose. Besides, technical officers are

also being deputed to Bhutan on request of the Bhutanese Government. Other technical assistance for implementation of various projects is also being made available as far as possible.

Cartoon Films

407. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to expand cartoon film production programme of the Films Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting during the Third Plan;

(b) if so, the allocation made for the purpose with details of programme; and

(c) the stage at which the production of puppet films which was started on an experimental basis stands at present?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Sham Nath): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No separate allocation has been made for the cartoon film production programme.

(c) The subject 'Parliament of Diseases' sponsored by the Ministry of Health has been adopted for the production of a puppet film. The script of the film has been approved and further production work is in progress.

Kidnapping of Officer of Nagaland

408. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mr. Noksang Ao, Circle Officer in Nagaland Administration who was kidnapped by the hostile Nagas last December has been released, and has reached Kohima on the 8th May, 1963;

(b) whether efforts have been made to secure the release of those who had been kidnapped with Mr. Ao;

(c) whether it is a fact that hostile Nagas have kidnapped over 300 loyal

Nagas so far and are detaining them; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Security measures have been tightened to check hostile activities.

Trucks and Tractors

409. {
 Shri P. K. Ghosh:
 Shri Kapur Singh:
 Shri Y. N. Singha:
 Shri Buta Singh:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacture of trucks and tractors for defence has been running much behind schedule;

(b) if so, to make up this gap, whether Government have decided to enlist the support of the private sector for the manufacture of components; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) The manufacture of trucks is not running behind schedule. On the contrary, the production has been better than the targets, taking all the trucks under manufacture into consideration. The capacity for the Shaktiman 3 ton and the Nissan vehicles sanctioned initially is only 225 per month and the average monthly production during the period January-June 1963 has been 388.

The production of tractors during the period January-June 1963 has however been 74 against the planned target of 95 tractors.

(b) and (c). With a view to increase the production of trucks and tractors further, orders have been placed and will further be placed, on the trade for the components. To the extent more of these components become available, higher production will be possible.

Drama Festival

410. Shri Subodh Hansda: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual summer drama festival organised by the Song and Drama Division was abandoned for 1963; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Sham Nath): (a) and (b). The annual summer drama festival organised by the Song and Drama Division could not be held during summer this year but it is not proposed to abandon it. It is likely to be held sometime during September this year.

Indo-Pak Police Conference in Calcutta

411. {
 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Dr. P. N. Khan:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Conference of District Magistrates and Police Superintendents of Districts of West Bengal and East Pakistan was held at Calcutta at the end of April, 1963;

(b) if so, the subjects discussed in the Conference; and

(c) whether any concrete proposals were made to avoid border incidents which often take place?

The Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (c). A conference