

anti-Indian propoganda by Radio Pakistan since Sheikh Abdullah reached Srinagar on the 4th March, 1968; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT):**  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is in line with Pakistan's known policy of seizing every opportunity to malign India. Government's stand on Kashmir and other Indo-Pakistan differences is well known. Pakistan's crude propoganda has not had any notable impact on world opinion which, by and large, favours bilateral settlement of Indo-Pakistan differences.

**Grade structure Committee Central Information Service**

\*1046. **SHRI M. AMERSEY:**  
**SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO:**  
**SHRI N. SHIVAPPA:**  
**SHRI C. C. DESA:**  
**SHRI J. MOHAMMED**  
**IMAM:**

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Grade Structure Committee of the Central Information Service was constituted about two years ago;

(b) if so, the scope and functions of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(d) if not, when it is likely to be submitted and the reasons for the delay?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH):** (a) A Committee of officials was set up in December, 1966 to go into the question of rationalisation of

pay and grade structure of the Central Information Service.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-730|68].

(c) No Sir.

(d) The Committee is likely to take some more time. One of the reasons for delay is that the report of the Administrative Reforms Commission on Relations between the Press and the Administration which will also cover the organisational structure of some of the media organisations of the Ministry, is awaited.

**"Songs of Bravery" programme on A.I.R.**

\*1047. **SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have discontinued the 'Songs of Bravery' programme from the All India Radio, after the cease-fire of 1965;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to keep the morale and spirit of the Jawans high in the forward areas?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH):** (a) No, Sir. But the scale may not be the same.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Special programmes for the troops are already being broadcast from A.I.R.

**Booklet entitled 'India' published by Indian High Commission, U.K.**

6205. **SHRI DEIVEEKAN:**  
**SHRI DHANDAPANI:**  
**SHRI MAYAVAN:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question

No. 3940 on the 13th March, 1968 and state the full particulars of the photos published in the Booklet?

be in public interest to give these figures.

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI):** A list of photographs appearing in the booklet laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-731|68].

#### **A.I.R. Programme for Rural Areas**

6209. **SHRI G. S. MISHRA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the programme broadcast by the All India Radio for listeners in rural areas are inadequate and ineffective in the sense that it is repetition of old programmes;

(b) the basic criteria of choosing the programmes for rural areas;

(c) the policy of Government to make the programmes for listeners more popular in rural areas; and

(d) the time allotted for rural programmes and the standard of the programmes?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH):** (a) The programmes for listeners in the rural areas are prepared and broadcast on the basis of the calendar of agricultural operations which are adequate and effective. Some repetition in such programmes is inevitable.

(b) These programmes are planned quarterly in consultation with the experts from the Agricultural Department of the State Governments and non-official members of the Rural Programme Advisory Committees.

(c) Government have adopted a policy of establishing Farm & Home units at some Stations for broadcasting special informative programmes daily. These have proved very popular among rural listeners.

(d) Rural programmes are broadcast in the evening transmission between 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. daily. The standard is satisfactory.

#### **Indian Diplomats posted in African Countries**

6207. **SHRI BABURAO PATEL:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of our diplomats posted in East Africa and other African countries who know Swahili, Bantu and other local languages; and

(b) the names of countries where India has diplomats knowing the language of those countries and the names of these diplomats with names of the foreign languages they know?

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI):** (a) and (b). The requisite information in respect of I.F.S., Information Service and I.F.S. (B) diplomats is furnished in the statements laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-732 68].

#### **Guns for Civilian Use**

6208. **SHRI NARASIMHA RAO:** Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of guns for civilian use produced in 1967-68; and

(b) the number of factories manufacturing 12-Bore cartridges in India?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA):** (a) and (b). It will not