

matters relating to the Agreement on the Suspension of operations.

- (iv) It was agreed to open two Peace Sub Centres at Mokokchung and Tuensang.
- (v) It was also decided to review the cases of Underground personnel in police custody.

Government of India welcome the decisions taken. On their part they have always abided by the terms of Agreement and they hope that the Underground would honour their commitments.

#### Nylon Fabrics

10158. SHRI S. KANDAPPAN :  
 SHRI P. K. DEO :  
 SHRI D. N. DEB :  
 SHRI V. NARASIMHA  
 RAO :  
 SHRI S. S. KOTHARI :  
 SHRI N. K. SOMANI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has capacity to manufacture Mandropping parachutes from Nylon fibres;

(b) the estimated demand of nylon fabrics for the above purpose;

(c) the extent to which it is met from the indigenous production; and

(c) the total quantity and value of nylon fabrics imported during the last three years for the above purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Demand of nylon fabrics depends on the demand for the parachutes. It is not in the public interest to disclose the demand of nylon fabrics for this purpose.

#### Foreign News Agencies

10159. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :  
 SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :  
 SARI GANESH GHOSH :

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

(a) the total number of foreign News

Agencies functioning in India, employing Indians; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) and (b). In addition to representatives of individual foreign newspapers, 16 foreign news agencies who have been given accreditation facilities by the Press Information Bureau are functioning in India. Details are given in a statement placed on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library—See No. LT—1234/68*] Government do not have information about the number of Indians employed by them.

#### Film Institute of India-Liaison with other countries

10160. SHRI RAJ DEO SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering that the film Institute of India should establish closer liaison with its counterparts in other advanced countries in order to keep itself in touch with what is happening in other similar institutions ; and

(b) whether Government think it feasible to improve the curriculum consistent with India's cultural heritage and making the course longer as in other foreign institutes ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Film Institute of India is already a member of the International Liaison Centre of Cinema and Television Schools, Paris to which all the leading Cinema Schools of the world are affiliated.

(b) The curriculum of the Film Institute is reviewed from time to time with a view to improving it. However, it is not considered advisable at present to make the courses longer.

#### Chinese Nuclear Missiles

10161. SHRI D. C. SHARMA :  
 SHRI A. S. SAIGAL :  
 SHRI ANBUCHESIAN :

SHRI D. N. PATODIA :  
 SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :  
 SHRI M. L. SONDHI :  
 SHRI R. BARUA :  
 SHRI R. K. SINHA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that China is expected to station its nuclear missiles in Fukien province opposite Taiwan and in Tibet, presumably aimed at India ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c). Government have seen certain speculative press reports stated to be based on the news carried in the New York Times, but it will not be possible to corroborate or deny such reports.

The development of nuclear capability of China and its impact on our defence is kept under review.

#### Technical Assistants Posts in A. I. R.

10162. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that posts of technical Assistants were merged into Assistant Engineers' post few years back in A. I. R. ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that same posts in old scale of technical Assistants are being created with a new name as Senior Engineering Assistant ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such merger and re-opening of same cadre and pay-scale in A.I.R. ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) Yes, Sir, with effect from 1st July, 1959.

(b) No, Sir. Posts of Senior Engineering Assistant were created from November, 1966 as part of the re-organisation of the Engineering Division of All India Radio. The duties and qualifications prescribed for the posts are different.

(c) (i) The two types of posts were merged because their duties and academic qualifications were identical.

(ii) The grade of Technical Assistant has not been re-introduced.

#### Posts of Gazetted Technical Officers in A.I.R.

10163. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Gazetted Technical Officers posts created after 1962 in A.I.R.

(b) the total number of Class III posts of technical employees (excluding Engineering Assistants), created during 1962-1968 ; and

(c) what is the ratio fixed in A. I. R. between creating higher and lower technical cadre posts ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : On the assumption that the term technical Officers/employees is taken to mean—the Officers and Staff on the Engineering side of the A.I.R., the following information is furnished :—

(a) 276 posts were created from 1963 till March 1968, including 110 posts in the cadre of Assistant Station Engineer which were created in lieu of an equivalent number of Assistant Engineers. Thus, the effective creations are 166.

(b) 152 posts.

(c) No ratio is fixed for creation of posts in higher and lower technical cadres in A. I. R. Posts are created in the various technical cadres according to actual necessities and requirements depending on the type of work and workload at different levels.

#### Sending of a Ram Lila Party to Andaman and Nicobar Islands

10163—A. SHRI K. R. GANESH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Ram Lila party was sent