

(b) if so, the reasons for not utilizing their training in the Television Centre and transferring them elsewhere ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) So far 43 officers have received specialised training abroad in Television. Of these, 2 are dead, 3 have left All India Radio and 2 are on deputation elsewhere leaving a balance of 36. Of these, 13 are working in the Delhi TV Centre and 7 are associated with the planning and development of television. All who are continuing with All India Radio are being utilized at TV.

(b) At present, there is only one TV Station operating in the country viz. Delhi TV Centre. The draft Fourth Five Year Plan of A. I. R. provides for the setting up of TV Stations at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Kanpur, besides the expansion of the Delhi TV Centre. Trained personnel available with us are expected to be more fully utilized when these Stations are set up.

सैनिक मोटर गाड़ियां बनाने का कारखाना

7531. श्री रामाबतार शर्मा : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार मध्य प्रदेश में भोपाल में सैनिक गाड़ियां बनाने का एक कारखाना स्थापित करने का है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त कारखाने का निर्माण कार्य कब तक आरम्भ होने तथा कब तक पूरा हो जाने की सम्भावना है ; और

(ग) कारखाने का अनुमानित वार्षिक उत्पादन कितना होगा ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ल० ना० मिश्र) : (क) सैनिक गाड़ियों के निर्माण के लिए भोपाल में कोई फैक्टरी स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। तदपि, जबलपुर में गाड़ियों के लिए एक फैक्टरी स्थापित की जा रही है।

(ख) फैक्टरी का निर्माण प्रगतिशील है,

और आशा है कि फैक्टरी 1970 के दौरान उत्पादन आरम्भ कर देगी।

(ग) प्रस्तावित क्षमता वार्षिक 13200 गाड़ियों की है, इन में से 6000 शक्तिमान 3-टन ट्रक होंगे, और शेष निस्सान गाड़ियां।

Cinema Plots in Bulandshahr

7532. SHRI RAM CHARAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Gopi Mal and Company of Bulandshahr was given the permission for having all the four cinema plots during the Exhibition there in February, 1968 ; and

(b) if so, why all the four cinema plots were allotted to this firm when this firm does not have any cinema of its own ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) and (b). This is a matter which falls within the purview of the State Government. The State Government have informed that the four plots were allotted to M/s Gopimal & Company on the basis of the highest bid received for the plots in question. The four plots were clubbed together at the specific and unanimous request of all the bidders participating at the auction. Prior possession of a Cinema House is not an essential prerequisite for putting up new Cinema Houses.

Festival in Kachchativu Island

7533. SHRI MAYAVAN :
SHRI NARAYANAN :
SHRI DEIVEEKAN :
SHRI DHANDAPANI :
SHRI SUBRAVELU :
SHRI C. CHITTYBABU :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India made any arrangements for the supply of drinking water, tent facilities for the Indian pilgrims during the Kachchativu festival held recently ;

(b) whether Government imposed heavy restrictions on the Indian pilgrims ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b). No Sir. Such arrangements are normally made by the pilgrims themselves, as in past years.

(c) Does not arise.

Hindi Examination for I. F. S Officers

7534. SHRI SUBRAVELU :
SHRI DEIVEEKAN :
SHRI DHANDAPANI :
SHRI NARAYANAN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have issued instructions to the effect that officials of the Indian Foreign Service would be confirmed only on their qualifying Hindi Examination ; and

(b) if so, whether such instructions are not in violation of the Official Languages Act as amended recently ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Officers of the Indian Foreign Service are required to pass a simple test in Hindi before confirmation.

(b) No, Sir.

Buildings for Defence Offices taken on Rent

7535. SHRI R. S. VIDYARTHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names and number of buildings which have been taken on rent from the agencies other than Government to accommodate Defence Offices ; and

(b) the annual rent being paid separately for each building ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Promotion in Research and Development Organisation

7536. SHRI R. S. VIDYARTHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Research and Development Organisation of his Ministry Departmental Promotions from Senior Scientific Assistants to Junior Scientific Officers are made on the basis of allotment of subject groups and not on the combined roster basis ; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to this, many Senior Scientific Assistants placed in certain subjects get promotions much later than their counterpart in other subjects inspite of having better qualifications and laboratory experience ?

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

(b) Expansion in research and development activities in some subjects has been more rapid than in others. Consequently promotions in such subjects have also been quicker.

Research and Development Organisation

7537. SHRI R. S. VIDYARTHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the number of posts of Junior Scientific Officers in Research and Development Organisation of his Ministry filled separately by departmental promotions from Senior Scientific Assistants and by direct recruitment including Research Fellowship/ Apprenticeship Scheme in each of the 17 subject groups, year-wise since 1962 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): The information is given in the statements at Annexures 'A' and 'B', laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-907/68*]. Under the rules, upto 50 per cent of the vacancies in the grade of Junior Scientific Officer may be filled by promotion. The number of promotees has been less than the permissible figure because most of the Research and Development Establishments/Laboratories came up between 1962-64 and departmental candidates were not available/eligible for promotion.