

allowance is that these personnel are not affected to the same extent as civil Government servants by the rise in the cost of living, as they receive certain concessions in kind (or monetary allowances in lieu) as a condition of their service (viz., rations, accommodation, clothing, hair-cutting/hair-cleaning and washing services, and conservancy).

Interview of Armed Personnel by Correspondents

264. Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Solanki:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri Kapur Singh:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newspaper correspondents are allowed to interview soldiers, sailors and airmen periodically; and

(b) whether such a system or practice prevails in the United Kingdom, France and U.S.A.?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The information is not available.

War Correspondents

265. Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the arrangements on front line reporting in the eventuality of hostilities between India and any other country;

(b) whether Government are considering the possibility of setting up regular corps of accredited war correspondents; and

(c) whether any specific steps have been taken to ensure increased and improved co-operation between the Ministries of Defence and Information and Broadcasting?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) There has been a lack of co-ordination between the Ministries of Defence, and Information and Broadcasting. There is thus no question of considering what steps should be taken to that end. The steps under consideration are in respect of facilities for war correspondents on the front.

Use of U.S. Arms by Pakistan

266. Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Karni Singhji:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Parashar:
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Da'jit Singh:
Shri Heda:
Shri Gokulananda Mohanty:
Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:
Shri Krishna Deo Tripathi:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of the use of U.S. arms by Pakistan against India and the steps for preventing their use against non-communist countries by Pakistan in violation of the undertaking given by the United States to India, has been taken up by Government with the U.S. Government; and

(b) if so, with what result?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). The question has been taken up several

times with the Government of the U.S.A. and the improper use of U.S. aid arms by Pakistan against India in the face of the assurances given to U.S. has been forcefully brought to the U.S. Government's attention.

It is evident however that the United States was not able to prevent Pakistan from using American aid arms in Pakistan's aggression against India. The United States has, however, stopped further arms aid to Pakistan, and has also assured the Government of India that they have asked their allies in the NATO, CENTO and SEATO Pacts not to supply Military Aid Arms to Pakistan.

USA's Military Assistance to Pakistan

267. Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Bagri:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state how much military assistance Pakistan has received from the United States between 1954-65 under Military Aid Agreement of 1954?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): Since Pakistan joined the Military Pacts with the United States and other countries of the Western Alliance and Asia, it has been receiving substantial quantities of military assistance. The exact cost of this assistance over the last 11 years is difficult to determine, as both the United States and Pakistan have kept details of Military assistance a closely guarded secret.

However, from occasional reports in the US press, radio and TV, the value of American Arms Aid to Pakistan seems to be in the region of 2.5 billion Dollars (Rs. 1250 crores).

Clash between Nagas and Burmese Troops

268. Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri P. Venkatasubbalah:
Shri Ravindra Varma:

Shri Basumatari:
Shri Kolla Venkatah:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a band of armed Nagas hostiles clashed with the Burmese troops near the Manipur-Burma border on the 19th September, 1965; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to stop the depredations of the hostiles on the Burmese-Manipur Border?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir. Reports have been received that the Burmese Army ambushed some armed Naga hostiles on 19th September in the Somra tract (in Burma). In the encounter, 30 hostiles were killed.

(b) The encounters mentioned above were in Burmese territory. However, appropriate measures are being taken by our Security Forces on our side of the Indo-Burmese Border to stop depredations by the Naga Hostiles.

U.N. Film on Indo-Pak. Conflict

269. Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Ravindra Varma:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.N. has asked the Government of India for facilities to produce a film on the Indo-Pakistan conflict; and

(b) if so, the facilities Government are making available for this purpose?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Japan building Naval Vessels for India

270. Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: