

Loss of Military Equipment by India

580. Shri R. S. Pandey:

Shri Daljit Singh:

Shri Jashvant Mehta:

Shri Krishna Deo Tripathi:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the loss of planes, tanks and other armour sustained by India during the recent Indo-Pakistan conflict;

(b) if so, the figures in that regard; and

(c) the steps taken to make good the loss on this account by procuring or manufacturing the planes and armour?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) to (c). We lost in the recent Indo-Pakistan conflict 35 planes in the Air and 80 tanks. 48 tanks were seriously damaged but are repairable. Necessary steps to make good the losses have been taken.

पंजाब के डाकखानों में जमा रकम

581. श्री बलजीत सिंह : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 1 अक्टूबर, 1965 तक अल्प बचत योजना के अन्तर्गत पंजाब के डाकखानों में कुल कितनी धनराशि जमा हुई थी ?

संचार विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री भगवती) : 1 जनवरी, 1965 से 31 अगस्त, 1965 तक पंजाब राज्य के डाकघरों में साप्ताहिक संचयी जमा, बचतपत्र तथा रखा जमा पत्रों के सम्बन्ध में कुल मिलाकर 73545505 रुपये जमा किए गए थे। सितम्बर, 1965 के आकर उपलब्ध नहीं है।

1 जनवरी, 1965 से 31 मार्च 1965 तक पंजाब राज्य के डाकघरों से डाकघर बचत बैंक में कुल मिलाकर 86437314 रुपये जमा किये गए थे। 1 अप्रैल, 1965 से 30 सितम्बर, 1965 तक के आकर इन्हें किये जा रहे हैं।

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Funeral of Six Generals Killed in Jakarta

582. Shri Kajrolkar: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Ambassador alongwith other foreign envoys attended the funeral of six Generals who were killed in Jakarta recently; and

(b) whether our Mission's flag in Jakarta was flown at half-mast in homage to the murdered Generals?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) The Indian Ambassador did not attend the funeral of the six Generals.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Manufacture of Cartridges

583. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the Indian Ordnance factories in developing a higher quality .22 target cartridge; and

(b) when this will be available in the market for the use of Rifle Clubs?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member has in mind .22 cartridge (Match Shooting ammunition). The Ordnance Factories have not so far planned for any development for this type of ammunition.

(b) Does not arise.

कवि सम्मेलन

584. श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा :

श्री बुलेश्वर जीता :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय रक्षा कोष के लिए धन जुटाने के लिए 30 सितम्बर

तथा 1 दिसम्बर, 1965 को दिल्ली में एक कवि सम्मेलन हुआ था : और

(ख) यदि हा, तो क्या सरकार का विचार उस पर हुए व्यय और उस से हुई आय का एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखने का है ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा अणु शक्ति मंत्री (श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री) : (क) और (ख) सप्रु हाऊस, नई दिल्ली में 30 सितम्बर, 1965 (न कि 1 दिसम्बर, 1965) को एक कवि सम्मेलन आयोजित किया गया था । इस सम्मेलन में प्रधान मंत्री को राष्ट्रीय रक्षा कोष के लिए 5,653 रुपये की धन-राशि भेंट की गई थी । सम्मेलन से सम्बन्धित आय तथा व्यय का अन्तिम विवरण संयोजकों से अभी तक प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

International Symposium on Desalination

585. Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the announcement of Joint US-Mexico desalination project using atomic energy at the recent international symposium on desalination at Washington; and

(b) if so, the work which India is doing in this matter on its own or in co-operation with other countries?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes. The International Atomic Energy Agency is also associated with the project.

(b) The Department of Atomic Energy is currently carrying out studies independently with a view to:

(i) optimising the quantity of water and the electrical power which could be produced in a desalination plant-cum-atomic power station, and

(ii) estimating the cost of water and electricity which could be produced in such a dual purpose plant.

Land for Ex-servicemen

586. Shri Heda: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab Government have made an approach to U.P. Government in consultation with the Centre for allotment of land in U.P. to the Defence personnel on their retirement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Government have no information regarding any such approach by the Punjab Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Radio Stations at District Head Quarters

588. Shri Balakrishnan: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing Radio stations are sufficient to spread the war news more effectively in the rural areas;

(b) whether short wave Radio stations are proposed to be started in all the important district headquarters; and

(c) if so, the names of places in which the Radio stations will be established?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) No, Sir. Reception in some rural areas is still through a second grade short wave service.

(b) It is not proposed to set up more short wave transmitters for home services as this is against the recommendations of International Organisations. However, as part of the Fourth Plan, it is proposed to install more medium wave transmitters to improve coverage throughout the country.