

sary of late Shri Jawaharlal Nehru. The Defence Minister is the President of the Institute and the Chief Minister Uttar Pradesh is the Vice-President.

(b) and (c). The Government of India has agreed to pay 50 per cent of the recurring expenditure not exceeding Rs. 2 lakhs per year from Defence Budget.

Firing by East Pakistan Rifles

1029. Shri Kajrolkar:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavalaya:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that East Pakistani Rifles opened fire on the 6th October, 1965 on a crowded passenger bus belonging to Assam State Transport Service near Dawki border checkpoint on the Assam-East Pakistan border;

(b) if so, the damages caused to men and property;

(c) whether any protest note has been sent to Pakistan; and

(d) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) On the 4th October, 1965, Pakistani forces from their border outpost of Synrem fired three rounds at a passenger bus of the Assam State Transport going from Shillong towards Dawki when it had crossed Dawki bridge.

(b) Nil.

(c) and (d). A protest has been lodged on this and other provocative acts by Pakistan in the Dawki area. A reply is awaited.

Cartridges for Rifle Clubs

1030. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Rifle Association of India have made a preference for shot size No. 7 for clay pigeon shooting cartridges being manufactured in the Indian Ordnance Factories in 12 gauge; and

(b) if so, why shot size No. 7 are not readily available when larger sizes are manufactured?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No communication on the subject has been received from the National Rifle Association of India.

(b) The production of cartridge 12 bore size No. 7 for clay pigeon shooting to the required standard is yet to be established in the Ordnance Factories.

Cartridges for Rifle Clubs

1031. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently added 2½" cartridges by the Indian Ordnance Factories placed on the civilian market are superior to the 2¼" cartridges upto now regularly offered;

(b) whether patterning tests have been done to determine the fact that the 2½" cartridges are superior to merit such a price difference; and

(c) the methods employed for patterning and the percentages obtained in various patterning tests from different distances?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) It is not claimed that 2-3¼" cartridges are superior to 2-1½" cartridges.

(b) In view of (a) above, there has been no necessity to conduct any patterning tests 2-3¼" cartridges were produced in limited quantities. The cost of production was, therefore, necessarily high. These cartridges were released to the civilian market at the actual cost of production.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of Post Cards and Stamps

1032. Shrimati Renuka Barkataki: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cards and stamps were not available in