

(b) These persons had not gone to the fields for harvesting crops, but to collect brass of bomb shells. The area was fenced with barbed wire, and public had been informed that that area was mine infested and none should enter it. Even then, these two people lifted the barbed wire and entered the area.

(c) No compensation was paid as the Court of enquiry instituted to investigate this incident, opined that no military personnel were to blame for this incident.

(d) The area had not been cleared of mines at the time of the incident, but it has been cleared now.

Radio Sets to Rural Areas in Punjab

2912. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the number of radio sets allotted in the rural areas of Punjab till the end of December, 1965; and

(b) the number of radio sets proposed to be allotted to that State during 1966-67?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 11,722.

(b) The allocations for 1966-67 have not yet been finalised.

A.I.R. Station, Sambalpur

2913. **Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of staff artistes and employees of the All India Radio Station at Sambalpur belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as on the 31st January, 1966?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur):

| | Scheduled Castes | Scheduled Tribes |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Staff Artistes | .. | .. |
| Other Employees | 13 | 5 |
| Total: | 13 | 5 |

Heavy Water Manufacturing Plant

2914. **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 552 on the 15th November, 1965 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision regarding the establishment of a heavy water manufacturing plant; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) and (b). The proposal is still under the consideration of Government.

Civil Vehicles hired during Indo-Pak Conflict

2915. **Shri P. K. Deo:**
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of civil motor vehicles hired or volunteered for defence purposes during Indo-Pakistan conflict;

(b) the number of such vehicles lost on account of enemy action; and

(c) the compensation paid, if any, to the owners by Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) The total number of vehicles hired, volunteered or requisitioned for defence purposes during the recent Indo-Pakistan conflict is as under:

Hired—3,239 vehicles
Volunteered—12 vehicles
Requisitioned—16,462 vehicles and

10 trailers.

TOTAL: 19,713 vehicles and

10 trailers.