

(b) if so, the broad details thereof?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) and (b). Under the Compulsory Service Liability Scheme, civilian engineer officers serving with the Central/State Governments and Public Sector Undertakings, under revised recruitment rules, are liable to serve in the Defence Services or on work relating to defence effort anywhere in India or abroad, if so required, for a minimum period of 4 years, including the period of training, during the first 10 years' of their service. The scheme is in operation in the Army, where Short Service Commissions are granted to such engineer officers, since July, 1965. A similar scheme has been introduced for civilian medical officers also and if necessary, commissions will be given to such officers, recruited under revised rules, as and when they become available.

Samachar Bharati

2870. Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the All-India Rashtrabhasha Sammelan have recently requested Government to set up a "Samachar Bharati", a news agency using Devanagari of other Indian script, for the distribution of news in the country; and

(b) if so, reaction of Government thereon?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). No formal request has been received by the Government from the 12th All-India Rashtrabhasha Sammelan to set up 'Samachar Bharati, a news agency using Devanagari or other Indian language script for the distribution of news in the country. The Government have, however, seen press reports regarding the recommendation of the Sammelan in this regard. The

Press Commission had recommended that news agencies should not be State-owned or State-controlled. The Government accepted the recommendation and see no reason to change the previous decision. It may, however, be pointed out that a new news agency called "Samachar Bharati" has been set up which will undertake distribution of news in Hindi and other Indian languages to Indian languages newspapers. The Government have decided to grant this news agency a loan of Rs. 5 lakhs. The terms and conditions of the loan are under consideration of the Government. Two correspondents of the news agency have also been temporarily accredited to the Government of India.

Flag Day, 1965

2871. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 453 on the 21st February, 1966 and state:

(a) the total amount collected during the Flag Day in 1965; and

(b) the amount collected as compared to that of the last year?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Rs. 23,25,067.78.

(b) The previous year's collection was Rs. 25,01,907.91.

परमाणु प्रयोगशालाओं में अनुसन्धान कार्य

2872. श्रीमती सावित्री निगम : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 1965-66 में कृषि और जीव विज्ञान के सम्बन्ध में परमाणु प्रयोगशालाओं में किये गये अनुसन्धानों के परिणामों का प्रचार करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा अणु शक्ति मंत्री (श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी): प्रायनीकारी विकिरण के जीवात्मक प्रभावों का अध्ययन करने तथा व्यावसायिक महत्व के पौधों जैसे चावल, मूंगफली इत्यादि में उत्परिवर्तन उत्पन्न करने

के लिए परमाणु ऊर्जा संस्थान ट्राम्बे में पर्याप्त कार्य किया गया है। प्रारम्भिक अवस्था में आवश्यकता इस बात की होती है कि ज्यादा फल देने वाली ये किस्में उन इलाकों में बो कर देखी जायें कहां इनकी बुझाई ज्यादा की जाती है।

केवल में Pt-10 किस्म का चावल लोकप्रिय है तथा इस किस्म के उत्परिवर्तित बीजों को राज्य के तीन क्षेत्रों में बो कर देखा गया है। अब वेल्स यानी स्थित कृषि कालेज द्वारा बड़े पैमाने पर परीक्षण किये जाने की योजना बनाई गई है।

Geb-24 उत्परिवर्ती (TR-1) किस्म को चावल पैदा करने वाले कई क्षेत्रों में बोया गया है। महाराष्ट्र राज्य में इस प्रभेद का परीक्षण करने के लिये एक विस्तृत कार्यक्रम शुरू किया गया है। इस के अतिरिक्त आल इण्डिया राइस प्रोजेक्ट कोऑर्डिनेटर, हैदराबाद, को भी विभिन्न भागों में परीक्षण करने के लिए बोज दिये गये।

ट्राम्बे तथा महाराष्ट्र राज्य के अन्य स्थानों में Kolomba-24 उत्परिवर्ती का लगातार परीक्षण किया जा रहा है।

जबकि ट्राम्बे में उपज सम्बन्धी परीक्षण किये जा रहे हैं, बड़े बीजों वाली उत्परिवर्ती मूंगफली की उत्पादन क्षमता का एक साथ पता लगाने के लिए इसके बीच तेल देने वाले बीजों के विशेषज्ञों, महाराष्ट्र, मद्रास तथा अन्य राज्यों को दिए गये।

उत्परिवर्ती बीजों की बढ़ती हुई मांग को पूरा करने तथा संशोधित बीजों को अधिक मात्रा में पैदा करने के लिए ट्राम्बे के समीप मानखुर्द स्थित फार्म के क्षेत्रफल में चौर एकड़ वृद्धि की गई है।

Plan Publicity

2873. Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Will the Minister of Information and

Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to present and interpret the policies and the activities of Government through the medium of Press; and

(b) whether some exhibitions are being organised for the plan publicity?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Information on policies and activities of the Government is released by the Press Information Bureau to the Press through standard categories of Press releases like the Press Communiques, Press Notes, handouts, background material, reference services, feature articles, etc. These services are supported, wherever necessary, by photographs and enonoid blocks. The Indian languages Press (in Hindi and eleven other languages) is served by language units of the Headquarters and 19 Regional/Branch offices of the Press Information Bureau. A teleprinter service links up the Bureau's headquarters at New Delhi with all the Regional/Branch offices located throughout India. Briefing of Press correspondents, holding of Press Conferences and conducting of Press Parties to development projects, etc, are the other means by which liaison is kept between the Government and the Press. Further, accredited pressmen have the facility of obtaining from Information Officers attached to various departments background information and answers to their queries regarding the activities of Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

इण्डियन रेयर ग्रन्स लिमिटेड

2874. श्रीमती सावित्री निगम : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत दो वर्षों में इण्डियन रेयर ग्रन्स लिमिटेड ने क्या क्या कार्य किये हैं ;