

abroad, expenditure involved both in Indian currency and foreign exchange ;

(c) whether any selection takes place for sending such teams and whether any criterion is fixed for selection for this purpose ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) whether any such team is likely to visit Soviet Russia for equipment training ; if so, the names of the officers ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a), (b) and (e). Yes, Sir; but it will not be desirable in the interests of security to give the details asked for,

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The selection of officers is made based on the officers's suitability as assessed from his record of service and his qualifications and experience in the use and maintenance of similar equipment.

Raising Anguilla issue in United Nations

5850. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA :
SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :
SHRI MADHU LIMAYE ;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that India's representative in the United States is planning to mobilize the Afro-Asian countries to help raise the Anguilla issue in the United Nations ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c). The U. N. Special Committee on Decolonization considered this question, and requested the Government of U. K. to accept a U. N. Visiting Mission to Anguilla. India supported this move. The U. K. Government have refused to receive a U.N. Mission in Anguilla.

Marxist method of Planning

5851. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given due consideration to the Marxist method of planning as applied in any Communist Country in finalising the Fourth Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, in what respects ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (c). In formulating our Five Year Plans, the methods enunciated by eminent economists in the country and abroad are taken note of by our Planners. The methods and techniques adopted are those considered best suited to our circumstances as well as to our national interests.

Central Sericulture Research Station West Bengal

5852. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for Government's reported move to shift the Central Sericulture Research Station from West Bengal to some outside location to be decided by the Central Silk Board ;

(b) whether this move will not adversely affect West Bengal's sericulture industry ;

(c) whether it will not also prejudice the livelihood of the Staff of the Research Station ; and

(d) the decision proposed to be taken by the Central Government on the State Government on the State Government's representation in this respect ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) There is no move to shift the Central Sericultural Research Station,

Berhampore (West Bengal) to some outside location.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Pakistan Forces overflying India

5853. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether personnel of the Pakistan Armed Forces have been allowed to overfly in India in large numbers from West Pakistan to Dacca during March, 1969 ;

(b) whether the martial law administration of Pakistan asked for such facilities from the Indian authorities ; and

(c) if so, Government's response thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Savings in Defence Expenditure

5854. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the views expressed by Lt. Gen. Khanna on the 26th March, 1969 at the Indian International Centre for effecting savings in defence expenditure ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to appoint a Committee to look into defence expenditure with a view to effect saving therein ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A number of steps have already been taken to effect economy in Defence expenditure ; but for these economy measures, the Defence expenditure would be appreciably higher than it is today. Economy in Defence expenditure

without impairing the operational efficiency of the Services is a continuous process and is constantly under examination in the Defence Services and the Ministry of Defence. An *ad hoc* Committee cannot deal with this matter effectively and, therefore, it is not considered necessary to appoint such a Committee.

Punishment to Navy Personnel for keeping their beards Untied

5855. SHRIMATI NIRLEP KAUR :
SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-DHURY :
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :
SHRI HARDAYAL DEV-GUN :
SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :
SHRI KIKAR SINGH :
SHRI P. N. SOLANKI :
SHRI DEVEN SEN :
SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :
SHRI D. R. PARMAR ;

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some Navy personnel have been court martialled for keeping their beards untied in Vishakhapatnam and other places, recently ;

(b) if so, their names ;

(c) whether Government will issue instructions to Navy Officers not to punish and body on this account ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir, but only at Vishakhapatnam.

(b) (i) Mehnga Singh Gill, Petty Officer.

(ii) Rajinder Singh, Electrical Artificer.

(c) and (d). Defence Services Regulations, orders and tradition provide for the proper dressing of the hair by Service personnel. Sikh personnel are expected to do the same. It is desirable that the