

Course in Production of Pesticides and Insecticides which was being organised by them during July-August, 1969 in the U.S.A. Government of India was invited to submit upto two nominations. Fellowships granted by the UNIDO to the nominees of different countries and the candidates who are attending the training course is not yet known.

(c) In consultation with technical authorities Government sponsored the nominations of two persons to the UNIDO and one of them (Dr. K. D. Sharma, Assistant Development Officer, Directorate General to Technical Development) was finally granted one fellowship by the UNIDO. He is currently attending the Training Programme.

Staff Artistes Association

3521. SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an association was formed by the staff artistes of the All India Radio in 1964 ;

(b) who was the first President of that Association ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the said first President is a political man and therefore, he introduced politics in the All India Radio ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shri M. S. Sengar.

(c) Observation made in the question is of a general nature. Government is not aware of any fact which would substantiate this conclusion.

Food Corporation of India

3522. SHRI K. M. KOUSHIK : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees working in the Food Corporation of India, category-wise ; and

(b) the total expenditure per month on the establishment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The number of employees working in the Food Corporation of India category-wise as on 1st April, 1969 is as under :

(i) Category I	210
(ii) Category II	1,104
(iii) Category III	14,246
(iv) Category IV	10,530
Total	26,090

(b) About Rs. 95 lakhs per month. The expenditure represents pay and allowances, pension and leave salary contributions, staff welfare and travelling allowance on the establishment and also includes expenditure on departmentalised labour.

Foreign accredited Press Correspondents

3523. SHRI JUGAL MONDAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government will lay on the Table of the House a statement giving complete data about foreign Embassy and foreign Information Service personnel who succeeded in securing credentials from the Government of India as Press Correspondents ;

(b) whether following the lead given by the U.S.I.S., a large number of employees of the Missions of Communist countries have applied and secured press credentials from the External Publicity Division and the Press Information Bureau ; and

(c) whether a fulltime staff artiste of All India Radio having contacts with the Embassies has been given accreditation on behalf of some of the Urdu newspapers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). Under the rules, accreditation can be given only to those who are whole-time journalists. Personnel of foreign embassies and their