

Scheme in recognition of their service in Civil Departments.

- (4) Provisional Short Service Commissions were granted to suitable Engineering students of final year and pre-final year degree courses under the University Entry Scheme. This Scheme was, however, suspended in 1968 due to better response of Engineers.
- (5) The number of vacancies for permanent commissions to graduate engineers was increased from 90 to 200 per annum with effect from July 1969.
- (6) Short Service Commission (Technical) was introduced for Engineering Graduates from October 1969, with 350 vacancies annually.
- (7) Permanent Commissioned Officers without engineering degree in the Technical Corps, and those to be given Permanent Commissions, hereafter in the same Corps will be trained on long engineering courses.

#### NAVY

The deficiencies are being met by attracting persons through National Defence Academy, Direct Entry and University Entry Schemes.

#### Map of India Published in Sainik Samachar

473. SHRI J. AHMED :  
 SHRI S. KUNDU :  
 SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :  
 SHRI SAMAR GUHA :  
 SHRI CHENGALRAYA  
 NAIDU :  
 SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :  
 SHRIMATI SUSHILA  
 ROHATGI :  
 SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
 SHRI R. BARUA :  
 SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA :  
 SHRI C. C. DESAI :  
 SHRI DEVEN SEN :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian map has been published in the Sainik Samachar, a weekly issued by the Ministry, in its Independence Day Issue ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Kashmir has been shown outside the borders of Indian territory ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for publishing this Map in the Independence Day Number of this weekly ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c). The sketch which appeared on cover page of the Independence Day Number of the Sainik Samachar was not intended to be a map of India, either geographical or political, but was merely an artists design adopted for the cover page.

#### Al Fatah Office in India

474. SHRI J. M. BISWAS :  
 SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR :  
 SHRI ISHAQ SAMBHALI :  
 SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :  
 SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Al Fatah delegation which visited Delhi in September, 1969 sought Government's permission to open its office in India ; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Delegation referred to the question of opening an office in India, when it called on the Minister of External Affairs. No formal request has, however, been received so far. If a request is made, the matter will be examined in accordance with the policy of the Government of India.

#### India's Participation in Rabat Conference

475. SHRI J. M. BISWAS :  
 SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR :  
 SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE :  
 SHRI ISHAQ SAMBHALI :  
 SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI :  
 SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the consideration that weighed with