

The remaining retired officers have been and are being sponsored as and when vacancies are notified to the Director General Resettlement.

(c) Their names are being sponsored for employment in Public and Private undertakings also.

(d) It is not feasible to indicate any date because the selection depends on the assessment made by the prospective employers and acceptance by the retired officers.

OFFICERS OF INFANTRY HOLDING STAFF APPOINTMENTS IN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN DELHI

8763. SHRI SHARDA NAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regular officers of the Infantry holding staff appointments in the Army Headquarters who will complete three or more years of service in Delhi by July, 1970;

(b) whether Government propose to replace them as a matter of policy; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) Ten.

(b) and (c). The stay of officers at Delhi is generally between three to five years. Officers are, however, permitted to serve for longer periods when suitable appointments of appropriate rank are not available outside Delhi, or on extreme compassionate grounds or when they are on the verge of retirement.

SHORTAGE OF ELECTRIFICATION MATERIALS

8764. SHRI S. KUNDU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of transmission lines, transformers, electrical wires and poles;

(b) whether any planning has been done by the Rural Electrification Organization how to meet the increased demand on these materials; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). There is a country-wide shortage of raw materials like electrolytic grade aluminium, steel and copper, which has affected the progress of transmission and rural electrification schemes. Measures have already been taken up by the concerned Departments of the Government of India to improve the supply of the raw materials. The shortfalls have been assessed on the basis of requirements of State Electricity Boards for rural electrification schemes and steps have been taken to meet the requirements by allocations of indigenous supplies and imports.

EXPO 70

8765. SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the response shown by foreign delegates at the Indian Pavilion at Expo '70;

(b) whether there is a proposal to permanently keep a pavilion of this type in Tokyo for our export promotion; and

(c) whether Kerala foreign exchange earner pepper Coir products are also exhibited in Expo '70?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) The response has been very encouraging. The Indian Pavilion has been attracting 50 to 60 thousand visitors a day; it has succeeded in creating an impression of elegance, colour and grace.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

PREPARATIONS FOR SENDING SPACEMEN TO MOON

8766. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: