

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:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is making preparations for sending her spacemen to the moon;

(b) if so, when and the further details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the context of India's programmes in the field of space research, it is premature to consider this aspect of the problem.

#### EXPORT OF TEA

8767. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India exports less tea than Ceylon annually;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the further details thereof; and

(c) if not, India's total export during the last three years, year-wise, *vis-a-vis* that of Ceylon during the same period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) and (c). Ceylon has in some recent years exported marginally larger quantities. Exports during the last three years were:—

(Figs. in M.Kg.)

	From India	From Ceylon
1967	213.7	216.5
1968	208.4	208.7
1969	176.7	201.4

(b) International prices for tea have not been attractive primarily because of an excess supply over demand. While this, among other reasons, has brought about greater absorption within India, Ceylon with a small internal market has had greater

compulsion to sell in international markets. The wider difference during 1969 was also due to a prolonged strike in the tea gardens in India and dislocation at the Calcutta Docks.

#### सशस्त्र सेना के मुख्यालयों की शाखाएं अनुभाग

8768. श्री बंश नारायण सिंह : क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सेना, वायु सेना तथा नौसेना के मुख्यालयों की शाखाओं, अनुभागों तथा युनिटों की संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) उनमें से कितने अनुभागों में अधीक्षक कार्य कर रहे हैं और वे एक ही स्थान पर कितनी अवधि से कार्य कर रहे हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ अधीक्षक एक ही अनुभाग में 20 वर्ष से अधिक अवधि से काम कर रहे हैं ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार अधीक्षकों को एक से दूसरे अनुभाग में बारी बारी से स्थानान्तरित करने का है जिससे अन्य अधीक्षकों को भी विभिन्न अनुभागों में काम करने का अवसर मिल सके ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

प्रतिरक्षा और इस्पात तथा भारी इन्जीनियरिंग मन्त्री (श्री स्वर्ण सिंह): (क) तथा (ख). सूचना संलग्न विवरण में दी गई है।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) तथा (ङ). उन सुपररिन्टेण्डेंटों के मामले कि जो सेवाओं के मुख्यालयों के उसी निदेशालय में निरन्तर 7 वर्षों से अधिक रहे हैं, काम जारी रखने की आवश्यकता का ध्यान करते हुए और युक्तिसंगत अवधियों के बाद उन की इयूटियों के गुणरूप में तबदीली पाने का अवसर देने के लिए, वार्षिक पुनरीक्षण किया जाता है।