

Funds for CSD

1363. SHRI SATNAM SINGH KAINTH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds released for the Canteen Stores Department (CSD) during each of the last three years and the amount spent by CSD therefrom;

(b) whether any audit of such expenditure was undertaken; and

(c) if so, the shortcomings noticed and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The quantum of funds, released for the Canteen Stores Department (CSD), during each of the last three years and the amount spent by C.S.D. thereagainst, are as under:—

(Rupees in Lacs)

Financial Year	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Funds Released	172503.00	183920.90	234121.30
Amount Spent	172501.28	183919.58	234183.70

(b) and (c) Regular audit is carried out by Controller of Defence Accounts (CDA), Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) and Director General of Audit respectively, and no serious shortcomings were noticed.

**Administrative Control of Audit Offices,
West Bengal**

1364. SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to normal accounting and internal audit was never entrusted to the office of the CDA (EC) despite specific creation of the office on the orders of the Ministry of Defence and CGDA, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have decided to shift the administrative control of all the relevant Audit Offices in West Bengal from CDA, Patna to CDA (EC), Calcutta; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the date of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The post of CDA(EC) was not created to discharge the normal accounting and internal audit functions but to provide services as Integrated Financial Adviser to the GOC-in-C, Eastern Command.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Computerised Reservation Centre at Jalpaiguri

1365. SHRIMATI MINATI SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has planned to open a computerised reservation centre/counter at Jalpaiguri railway station;

(b) if so, the time by which this counter is likely to be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is expected to be commissioned by the end of calendar year 1999.

(c) Does not arise.

Visit of South African Naval Chief

1366. DR. SAROJA V.: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Naval Chief of South Africa paid a visit to India during the month of October last year;

(b) if so, the main agreements reached at; and

(c) the extent to which the South Africa has agreed to provide improved defence hardware to India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The Chief of South African Navy visited India from 4-10 October 1998.