Bird-hunting in Rajasthan by Saudi Arabians

2600. DR. P. V. PERIASAMY:
SHRI S. S. SOMANI:
SHRI B. P. KADAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who accompanied Prince Badr of Saudi Arabia for bird-hunting in Rajasthan deserts and whether 'powerful transmitter' and 'powerful camera' were also permitted to be carried by the party of hunters;

(b) whether it is proper for the Collector of Jaisalmer to accompany the hunting party and stay with the Prince's entourage; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the two Americans who were in the party were the only people operating the high-powered transmitter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU): (a) Eighty-three persons accompanied His Royal Highness Prince Bandar Bin Mohamed Bin Abdul Rahman. The Saudi party had one radio transmitter to keep in touch with Jeddah. It carried only ordinary cameras and no special powerful camera was with any member of the party.

(b) The Collector of Jaisalmer did not accompany the hunting party nor did he stay with the Prince's entourage.

(c) No, Sir. The transmitter was being used by the aides of the Saudi Prince.

Statement Correcting reply to Unstarred Question No. 1397 dated 29th November 1978 re: The Names of Public Undertakings and their Chairmen and works entrusted to them.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (SHRI CHAND RAM): In reply to part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 1397 answered on 29th November 1978, the following was stated against S. No. 3—Hindustan Shipyard Limited—in column 4 of the Statement appended:—

"Shri R. Srinivasan, Visakhapatnam. (He is officiating Chairman and Managing Director)".

There has been a slight error in this reply. The correct reply in lieu of this portion should be read as under:—

"Shri R. Srinivasan, Visakhapatnam. (He is holding temporary charge of Chairman and Managing Director)".

I regret the error which has occurred in this case. The delay in correcting the reply is due to the fact that by the time the error was detected, it became too late to lay the correction on the Table of Lok Sabha before the last session ended.

12.00 hrs.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour): Sir, I talked to you about the Garden Reach Workshop...

MR. SPEAKER: You talked to me and I told you.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: You said that you will at least allow 377. I do not find it on the list.