

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL) :

(a) and (b). The CBI have registered a case against M/s. Pillman Aircraft Consultants, Bombay, under F.F.R.A. for not depositing a Commission of about 11 lakh US dollars for the period prior to November 1975. The case is under investigation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) One of the partners has filed a petition in the Bombay High Court. Further necessary steps would be considered in the light of the decision of the High Court.

#### Shortage and Import of Newsprint

\*443. SHRI SHANKERSINHA  
BAGHELA :

SHRI A. ASOKARAJ:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware of the serious crisis because of the current shortage of newsprint ;

(b) the reasons for the current shortage of newsprint ;

(c) the extent of shortage ;

(d) how Government propose to meet the shortage and give relief to consumers;

(e) whether the import of newsprint is made through S.T.C.; and

(f) whether it is a fact that S.T.C. has failed to make timely import of newsprint this year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI-  
MAJI AHA MAJI) : (a) to (d).  
There is no crisis due to shortage of newsprint.

(e) and (f). The import of newsprint is made through S.T.C. which has imported adequate quantities according to the asse-

sessment of demand made by the Registrar of Newspaper for India.

#### Proportional Representation State- wise in Armed Forces

\*444. SHRI KUMARI ANANTHAN :  
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to broaden its recruitment policy for defence services to provide proportionate representation to each State based on the 1977 census ;

(b) if so, what is the percentage fixed for each State ; and

(c) which are the States that are not adequately represented ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
(SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) to (c).  
The present policy of the Government has been to broad base recruitment. Excepting certain class Regiments in the Army, the recruitment below officers cadre is open to all classes, castes and religions provided they satisfy the physical, educational and medical standards. The recruitment to 'all class' Regiments of the Army, as also in the Navy and the Air Force is based on the recruitable male population of the State in the age group of 17-25 years according to 1971 census and demands are placed accordingly. Where, however, the actual recruitment in a particular State/Union Territory falls below the proportionate ratio, the deficiency is made good from other States/Union Territories.

2. In the case of officers, however, the recruitment is made on all India basis without earmarking any quota for any State.

3. A statement showing the percentages of the Recruitable Male Population of the States/Union Territories to total Recruitable Male Population based on 1971 census and the actual representation as on September, 1977 is enclosed.