

the Army against the Emergency Commissioned Officers and in favour of the regular ones in the matter of selecting officers for special and other courses and in the appointment to coveted posts within different units, and

(b) if so, the reasons for this discrimination?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. K. Bhagat). (a) and (b) No such discrimination exists against Emergency Commissioned Officers

Except for a few courses involving substantial expenditure of money or time, where the selection has to be ~~corrected~~ with long term career-planning ECOs are selected on par with regular officers for all courses. In fact the position obtains to their advantage, ECOs have today at the most four years service to their credit and under normal conditions even regular officers are required to serve in their Regiments/units for a period of five years before they can be considered for staff or ERE appointments. However, since August 1966, to provide more opportunities to ECOs, the minimum period of regimental service has been reduced from 5 years to 2 years and ECOs posted on staff and ERE appointments

**Criteria for appointments of Ambassadors**

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Shri Shri Gopal Saboo:  
Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee  
Shri Brij Bhushan Lal:  
Shri Sharda Nand:  
Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:  
Shri R. S. Vidhyarthi:  
Shri Mohan Prasad:  
Shri Maharaaj Singh Bharati:  
Shri Mabi Ray.

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have considered the criteria for the appointments of ambassadors in foreign countries and

(b) if so, the details of the decisions taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Surendra Pal Singh): (a) and (b) Appointments as Heads of Missions abroad are made by Government on grounds of experience and suitability. In diplomacy, as in any other profession professional men, if suitable and available are mainly chosen for such assignments, though Government are free to choose distinguished public figures from other walks of life for specific diplomatic assignments, as has been the practice since independence.

राज्य सरकारों की गतिविधियों के बारे में  
झाकाशवाणी से प्रसारण

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श्री राम सिंह बखरवाल  
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श्री बोरेन्द्र नाथ  
श्री डे० प्रभात

क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्री यह  
बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि झाकाशवाणी के प्रसारणों में गैर-कांग्रेसी सरकारों की गतिविधियों को उचित स्थान नहीं दिया जाता जबकि कांग्रेस सरकार की गतिविधियों को प्रसारण में प्रमुख स्थान दिया जाता है,

(ख) यदि हा, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और

(ग) सरकार का इस सम्बन्ध में क्विबन्धन क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री ड० के०  
नाथ) (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) सवाल नहीं उठते।