

Compensation to be paid to Indian Repatriates from Burma

*120. Shri Ramachandra Veerappa:
 Shri M. Rampure:
 Shri Ibrahim Sulaiman Salt:
 Shri N. K. Sanghi:
 Shri Y. Prasad:
 Shri Maddi Sudarsanam:
 Shri Seshiyam:
 Shri K. Ambahgan:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to ask the Government of Burma to pay compensation to the Indian repatriates in the form of rice;

(b) if so, when the final decision is likely to be taken; and

(c) the extent to which it will ease the food position?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) The question of payment of compensation by the Government of Burma for assets of Indian repatriates is still under discussion between the two Governments. There is, however, no proposal to ask for compensation in the form of rice. We are already buying all the rice Burma can spare.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Installation of Medium Wave Transmitters

*121. Shri Chandrika Prasad:
 Shri K. M. Madhakar:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the installation of 100 kilowatt power medium wave transmitters in Gorakhpur, Jodhpur, Kotdwara and Mathura;

(b) whether it is a fact that the special release of foreign exchange for the above transmitters was secured for the border coverage of strategic areas in Northern India;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the 100 kilowatt power medium wave transmitter which was to be installed

in Gorakhpur is now being sent to Trichur; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) Sites for the transmitters at three locations namely, Gorakhpur, Jodhpur and Najibabad for Kumaon Garhwal Region, have been finalised. Equipments for these projects are already on order and are expected to be received shortly. There is no proposal to instal a high power medium wave transmitter at Mathura. However, a new Radio Station, with a low power transmitter has already been commissioned at Mathura on January 29, 1967.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

National Defence Fund

*122. Shri E. S. Vidyarthi:
 Shri S. E. Damani:
 Dr. Ranen Sen:
 Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
 Shri Dhuleshwar Moens:
 Shri Heerji Bhat:
 Shri K. Paradhani:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) The total amount of gold and cash so far received for the National Defence Fund, State-wise;

(b) The amount spent so far for the defence of the country; and

(c) How the remaining amount is likely to be spent?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-420/67].

(b) A sum of Rs. 27.27 crores has so far been spent on the purchase of Defence equipment.

(c) The remaining sum will be utilised to promote the defence effort and look after the welfare of service personnel and their families.

Migration of Hindus and Buddhists from East Pakistan

- *132. Shri D. N. Patodia:
Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:
Shri Y. S. Kushwah:
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:
Shri E. Barua:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has recently been steady migration of Hindus and Buddhists from East Pakistan to India;

(b) if so, how many people have migrated during the last six months; and

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with Pakistan and, if so, with what results?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to available information a total of 7,171 persons belonging to the minority communities migrated to India during the period November, 1966 to April, 1967.

(c) The Government of India have repeatedly represented to the Government of East Pakistan regarding the plight of the minorities there, and have reminded them of their obligations under the Nehru-Liaquat Pact which requires them to guarantee to their minorities, security, full freedom and equality of rights. Unfortunately, the Government of Pakistan, despite their professions to the contrary, have done very little to improve the conditions of the minorities there.

Newsprint Quota for Small Newspapers

- *134. Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri George Fernandes:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small newspapers are still suffering because of less quota of newsprint; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to safeguard the interests of small newspapers?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) and (b). *No, Sir. The Newsprint Allocation Policy for 1967-68 has made due provision for liberal increase in newsprint quota to small newspapers.*

Anti-Indian Campaign by Pakistan

- *135. Shri Manibhai J. Patel:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri N. S. Sharma:
Shri Sharda Nand:
Shri Brij Bhushan Lal:
Shri Shri Gopal Saboo:
Shri Ranjeet Singh:
Shri J. B. Singh:
Shri E. S. Vidyarthi:
Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Lalsdhar Kotoki:
Shri N. E. Laakar:
Shri E. Barua:
Shri C. C. Desai:
Shri D. N. Patodia:
Shri A. E. Vajapayee:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has geared up anti-Indian campaign recently;

(b) whether the U.S. announcement to supply arms to Pakistan has inspired that country to step up the drive;

(c) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has called a Conference of all Muslim countries to make a common cause of the so-called 'Liberation of Kashmir'; and