

channel for obtaining their release, so that they can be reunited with their families in India.

AMOUNT PAID BY INDIA TO U.N. ORGANISATION

*455. SHRI P. GOPALAN :

SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI :

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :

SHRI VISWANATHA
MENON :

SHRI UMANATH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the average amount paid annually by India to the various U.N. Organisations; and

(b) the number of Indians employed in such organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) :
(a) and (b). The information is being collected.

REVIVAL OF NATIONAL INTEGRATION COUNCIL

*456. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether she is contemplating to revive the National Integration Council in the near future; and

(b) if so, what would be the object of this Council and who would be its members?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :
(a) Steps have been initiated to reconstitute the Council.

(b) The object of the Council will be to consider how best national integration can be promoted and strengthened.

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and the threats posed to it from time to time effectively met.

The exact membership of the Council is being finalised.

BROADCASTS FROM RADIO MOSCOW

*457. SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in reply to the protest note from the Indian Government, the U.S.S.R. have said that they do not control non-Governmental Radio Stations;

(b) if so, whether there have been further broadcasts from Radio Moscow since then; which interfere with the internal politics of India; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :

(a) to (c). Attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the answer given in the Lok Sabha on February 21, 1968 to Starred Question No. 193. The Soviet Foreign Office have maintained that the broadcasting station in question was autonomous and that the Soviet Government did not exercise any control over it. However, since the matter was last represented to the Soviet Foreign Office, no further broadcasts have come to our adverse notice.

FLYING ACCIDENTS

*458. SHRI K. HALDAR :
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a series of flying accidents have taken place in the last two months resulting in the death of a number of I.A.F. and Army personnel;

(b) whether Government have made investigations into each of the accidents;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent such accidents in future?