

their names under-went a change; some of them were designated as 1st, 2nd, 4th 8th and 9th Bengal Lancers; 3rd Bengal Cavalry, 12th Bengal Pioneers, 5th Bengal (Light) Infantry etc. No. recorded are available to show that any one of them was disbanded during the 1st World War for the patriotic activities of its soldiers.

(c) No, Sir.

रेडियो जम्मू से हिन्दी समाचारों का प्रसारण

*1428. श्री निहाल सिंह : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि देश में किन-किन रेडियो स्टेशनों से हिन्दी समाचार बुलेटिन प्रसारित नहीं किये जाते हैं तथा क्या सरकार का विचार इन स्टेशनों से हिन्दी समाचार बुलेटिनों का प्रसारण आरम्भ करने का है ?

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मन्त्री (श्री के. के. शाह) : आकाशवाणी का प्रत्येक केन्द्र अपनी चरखे सेवा में केन्द्रीय रूप में तैयार किए गए एक या अधिक हिन्दी समाचार बुलेटिन प्रसारित/रिले करता है।

आतारकित प्रश्न संख्या 4516 का 20 मार्च, 1968 के लोक सभा में दिए गए उत्तर में यह बताया गया था कि रेडियो कश्मीर से समाचार हिन्दी में प्रसारित नहीं किए जाते, परन्तु, स्थिति की जांच करने पर पता लगा है कि श्रीनगर केन्द्र से हिन्दी बुलेटिन प्रसारित किए जाते हैं। इस हद तक उपरि उल्लिखित आतारकित प्रश्न के उत्तर में संशोधन सम्भवा जाए। इस गलती के बारे में खेद है।

Decision of Malaysian Government to Terminate work Permits

*1429. SHRI D. C. SHARMA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Malaysia have decided to terminate work permits of Singapore citizens or Identity card holders living in the Federation; and

(b) the reaction of the Government of India in so far as Indian nationals are con-

cerned and the action proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Government had seen reports to this effect.

(b) Indian nationals as such are not affected and the question of our taking any action in the matter did not arise on this occasion.

Construction of 'Anti-Tank Bandh' by Pakistan in Sialkot Sector

*1430. SHRI N. K. SANGHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports that Pakistan has recently constructed a 11-mile long wall called the 'anti-tank bandh' along a new canal built by them in the Sialkot Sector; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). Government are aware that a bund-cum-ditch is being constructed in the Sialkot sector which could serve as an anti-tank obstacle. As already indicated in reply to Starred Question No. 476 answered in the House on the 6th March 1968, Government keep a close watch on Pakistan military activity across our borders. All steps necessary for ensuring the security of the country are duly taken as a part of operational plans.

Appointment to key Posts

*1431. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any directive from the Prime Minister's Secretariat was issued in April, 1967, to all the Ministries of the Government of India, that 'all the important and key posts should be filled on merit alone and that all the posts, the incumbents of which are about to retire should be advertised and the person should be selected well in advance of the date of retirement of the present holder of such a post';