

to Rs. 2.50 on completion of 10 years' service;

(b) if so, the reason why they are not being paid annual increments like other employees;

(c) whether Government propose to revise the system of payment of increments to Jawans on the lines of other Central Government employees; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir. But the Sepoys get two further increments of Rs. 2.50 each on completion of 15 years and 20 years of service.

(b) The pay structure of Jawans is different from that of civilian Government servants.

(c) and (d). The matter has been considered by Government and a decision recently taken will be announced very shortly.

INCREASE IN D.A. PAID TO JAWANS

*309. SHRI K. ANIRUDHAN :
SHRI UMANATH :
SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :
SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 115 on the 13th November, 1967 and state :

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision on the proposal to enhance the Dearness Allowance rates of the Jawans; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir. The decision recently taken will be announced very shortly.

(b) Does not arise.

ATTACK ON INDIAN EMBASSY IN SAIGON

*310. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :
SHRI DEIVEEKAN :
SHRI ANBUCHETHAN :
SHRI HIMATSINGKA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Viet-Cong attacked the Indian Embassy in Saigon; and

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused to our Embassy as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir. We have no report to this effect.

(b) Does not arise.

RELEASE OF "PUEBLO" SHIP OF U.S.A.

*311. SHRI DEIVEEKAN :
SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA :
SHRI T. D. RAMABADRAN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S. Government have approached the Indian Government to use their good offices for the release of the 83 crew members of "Pueblo" ship from the North Korean Government; and

(b) if so, India's reaction to this request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). This question was placed on the agenda of the U.N. Security Council, but there was no substantive discussion, as the President adjourned the Council to enable its Members to have informal consultations. As a Member of the Council, India participated in them and was in touch with the U.S. authorities. These informal consultations resulted in the representatives of the U.S. Government directly meeting the representatives of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Korea at Panmunjom to discuss the release of the ship and her crew.

TRANSFER OF C-430 AIRCRAFTS FROM IRAN TO PAKISTAN

*312. SHRI M. L. SONDHI :
SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD :
SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :
SHRI BRAMHANANDJI :
SHRI M. N. REDDY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the transfer of four C-430 aircrafts

to Pakistan by Iran which have actually arrived in Pakistan;

(b) whether these aircrafts were originally given to Iran by U.S.A. and have been allowed by that Government to be transferred to Pakistan; and

(c) whether Government propose to apprise the U.S.A. about the imbalance it will create in the arms strength of India and Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) This matter was raised with the Government of the U.S.A. who indicated that approval for the sale of these aircrafts had been given in accordance with their policy of permitting the sale of non-lethal military equipment on a case-by-case basis to both India and Pakistan.

पंजाब हथियारों के प्रसार को रोकने के लिये सन्धि

* 313. श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुशावाह :
श्री बीरेन्द्र कुमार शाह :

क्या बंबेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या परमाणु हथियारों के प्रसार को रोकने की सन्धि पर उस रूप में हस्ताक्षर करने का भारत से अनुरोध किया गया है, जिस रूप में रूस और अमरीका ने यह सन्धि स्वीकार की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय किया है ?

बंबेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलिराम भगत) : (क) और (ख). अमरीका और सोवियत संघ ने 18 जनवरी 1968 को 18 राष्ट्रों की निरस्त्रीकरण समिति के सम्मुख अणु हथियारों का विस्तार न करने के विषय पर संधि का संशोधित मसौदा प्रस्तुत किया था। इसकी एक प्रति सदन की मेज पर रखी जा चुकी है। उम समिति में आजकल इस पर बहस चल रही है। आशा है कि संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा के पास 15 मार्च 1968 तक

समिति की रिपोर्ट आ जाएगी और वह अप्रैल 1968 में किसी समय उस पर विचार-विमर्श करेगी। संभव है कि अट्टारह राष्ट्रों की निरस्त्रीकरण समिति और महासभा में इस संधि में संशोधन करने की और कोशिशें की जायें। इस संधि पर हस्ताक्षर करने या न करने का प्रश्न तब उठेगा जब उसे अंतिम रूप मिल जाएगा। अट्टारह राष्ट्रों की निरस्त्रीकरण समिति और महासभा में हमारे प्रतिनिधि संशोधित रूप में इस संधि के विषय में भारत की स्थिति स्पष्ट करेंगे। स्मरण रहे कि अताराकित प्रश्न संख्या 270 के उत्तर में यह कहा गया था कि संशोधित मूलपाठ पूर्ण रूप से उन सिद्धांतों के अनुरूप नहीं है जो कि संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा के प्रस्ताव संख्या 2028 (XX) में बताए गए हैं।

CONCENTRATION OF PAK. TROOPS ON RAJASTHAN BORDER

*314. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOEL :
SHRI C. K. BHATTACHARYYA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has recently been amassing troops along the Rajasthan border; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan has constructed border roads, air strips, barracks and a canal like the Ichhogil Canal, on its side for defence purposes ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b). Government are generally aware of the deployment of Pakistani armed forces across the Rajasthan border. They are also aware of the roads and other constructions of military significance in the same area. There is however no concentration of Pakistani troops in this area which should be a cause for alarm. We have on our part taken adequate steps to cope with the situation which we are constantly watching.

CHINESE AND PAK. SUPPORT TO NAQA HOSTILES

*316. SHRI HEM BARUA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :