

aspects of deploying a multi-purpose communication satellite to meet a variety of national needs. The use of such a satellite for communication of meteorological data is an important part of the total project.

(b) Yes, Sir. Weather experts have already analysed the existing facilities in South Asia and recommended an integrated long-term plan for meteorological telecommunications in this region, to be implemented during the Fourth Plan period.

#### CREATION OF NEW POST OF OFFICERS IN MINISTRIES

\*1530. SHRI LOBO PRABHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new posts of Officers for 1970-71 created by the budget in the different Ministries, including their Subordinate offices ;

(b) whether it is consistent with the professed socialism and of economy that so many new posts should be created which are out of proportion with the posts in the establishment ; and

(c) whether Government would examine the new posts created and transfer them to establishment in which, if necessary, there could be a selection grade to stimulate good work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Although provision is made in the budget for new posts likely to be created during the financial year to which the budget relates the posts are actually created as and when they are needed by the administrative Ministries/Departments under the powers delegated to them. The Ministry of Home Affairs have, therefore, no information as to the number of posts created during the current financial year by the various administrative Ministries/Departments.

(b) and (c). The import of the term "establishment" is not clear. Various restrictions exist in the matter of creation of posts. Budget provision for posts likely to be created during the financial year is made by the Finance Ministry after necessary scrutiny and after

full justification is given by the Ministries/Departments concerned. The mere fact that budget provision exists does not mean that posts are automatically created. The posts are created after a thorough scrutiny by the Internal Work Study units and by the Internal Financial Adviser if the posts are created by the Ministries/Departments under the delegated powers. In regard to posts for which the Ministries/Departments have no powers to create the posts the proposals in this regard are examined thoroughly by the Finance Ministry on merits before approval is given for the creation of posts.

#### UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

##### VISIT BY FOREIGN CULTURAL DELEGATIONS

8948. SHRI BABURAO PATEL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign cultural delegations that visited India in 1969, the countries from where they came and the names of members leading the delegations;

(b) the total amount spent by Government in entertaining these delegations; and

(c) the number of performances given by each delegation and the towns where they performed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRIMATI JAHANARA JAIPAL SINGH): (a) Particulars of the five foreign performing delegations that visited India in 1969 are given below :—

(i) *Yugoslavia*: Ballet Ensemble of Croatian National Theatre, Zagreb—by Miss Sonja Kastl.

(ii) *Indonesia*: Balinese Dance and Music Ensemble—led by Prof. (Dr.) I.B. Mantra, Director General of Culture in the Ministry of Education and Culture.

(iii) *G.D.R.*: The Duo Wikarski Sisters, Mrs. Cordelia Wikarski and Mrs. Eleonore Wikarski.

(iv) *G.D.R.*: Ballet and Music Ensemble—led by Miss Helga Kroger.

(v) *U.S.S.R.*: Leningrad Maliy Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet—led by Mr. Igor Belski.