

Discontentment among Scientific Officers of D.G.Q.A.

2299. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Scientific Officers of D.G.Q.A. have been expressing serious discontentment due to nonavailability of opportunities at senior level like the posts of D.G.Q.A. Technical Directors, Controllers, SQAOs, etc.;

(b) if so, the statutory regulations for filling up these senior posts and whether it is being scrupulously implemented; and

(c) if not, the details along with a comparative data in respect of all Service Officers posts and their equivalent Civilian Officers posts above Major level, year-wise, for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Officers of the Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) are drawn from the Civilian cadre of Defence Quality Assurance Service (DQAS) and from the cadre of Defence Forces. Each cadre is governed by Rules and Regulations applicable to it.

2. Members of the DQAS have represented that they are accorded less opportunity to hold independent charge relative to Defence Service Officers.

3. Government assigns responsibilities keeping in view requirements, exigencies and career prospects of each cadre.

Service Officers in D.G.Q.A.

2300. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for continued employment of Service Officers in Directorate General of Quality Assurance (D.G.Q.A.) when it has its own dedicated cadre of Scientists and Engineers created for the Organisation in 1979;

(b) the reasons for employment of two kinds of Service Officers within D.G.Q.A., with differing war liabilities, retirement age and other service conditions namely, tenure and permanently seconded Service Officers; and

(c) their mutual ratio as well as ratio with respect to Group 'A' posts in D.G.Q.A., both actual and as laid down by policy, if any?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) DGQA is an Inter Service Organisation responsible for quality assurance of Defence Stores and needs to be manned by officers possessing field expertise as well as those with academic specialisation. Initial induction of officers from the services is on tenure basis. Thereafter, permanent secondment is considered depending on their suitability.

(c) The prescribed ratio of tenure officers to permanently seconded service officers is 50:50. Under a policy adopted in 1982, the ratio of Civilian Officers to Service Officers is 56:44, which is being maintained overall.

Firing by Pakistan along LOC

2301. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has stepped up firing along the actual line of control in Kargil, Machal and Gurez sectors in Kashmir to push infiltrators and militants from the Pakistan occupied Kashmir and also to disrupt vehicular traffic between Srinagar-Leh highway between Kashmir and Ladakh;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has airlifted by helicopters artillery guns at LOSAR-II Post in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir opposite to Machal-Gurez Sector; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to meet the challenge and thwart the evil designs of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) With the on set of summer, there has been a spurt in firing from Pakistan side in Kargil, Machhal, Gurez and other sectors of the Indo-Pak border in J&K. However, there has been no disruption of vehicular traffic along the Srinagar-Leh highway. Government is also aware of Pakistan having airlifted artillery guns to P.O.K. opposite Machhal-Gurez sector.

Constant vigil is maintained by our troops on the border and they are well equipped and prepared to thwart any attempt at misadventure on the part of our adversaries.

चीनी नौसैनिक शक्ति के मुकाबले में भारतीय नौसैनिक शक्ति

2302. श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में प्रकाशित एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार चीनी नौसेना, भारतीय नौसेना के मुकाबले ज्यादा सशक्त और सुसज्जित है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो भारतीय नौसेना को चीनी नौसेना के समकक्ष बनाने के लिए सरकार क्या प्रयास कर रही है?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जॉर्ज फर्नांडीज): (क) भारतीय नौसेना की तुलना में चीन की नौसेना के पास विध्वंसक/फ्रिगेट, पनडुब्बियाँ तथा अन्य पोत अधिक संख्या में हैं।

(ख) भारत सरकार उपलब्ध वित्तीय संसाधनों से और अधिक संख्या में युद्धपोतों तथा पनडुब्बियों का अर्जन करके/देश में ही उनका निर्माण करके पर्याप्त कदम उठा रही है।

Chinese surveillance station on border

2303. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proof of the surveillance station set up by China on our border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) There are no reports of installation of Chinese surveillance station on our border.

Installation of Transmission System of DD in Meghalaya

2304. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Defence authorities have objected to the installation of powerful transmission system of Doordarshan in Meghalaya and North Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Defence authorities have reviewed their stand in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (e) Normally the Defence authorities do not put any objection to proposals from Government Organisations for installation of transmission systems unless such transmission systems pose operational obstructions especially in regard to low flying operations. During the last two years the Air Force received only two proposals from Doordarshan for clearance in respect of Meghalaya and North Eastern States and have cleared both of them.

Trishul Missile

2305. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Trishul' missiles naval version has been successfully tested; if so, the outcome thereof; and