

Operations by security forces are being launched regularly on the basis of information gathered and notable successes have been achieved in killing or capturing terrorists and recovering substantial quantities of arms and ammunition stored by them. These measures would continue unabated till the terrorist groups have been neutralised.

Pension to the members of I.N.A.

@3192. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the members of the Indian National Army (Azad Hindi Fauj) throughout the country State-wise, who are getting pension; and

(b) what is the present number of applications pending in this regard and by when they are likely to be settled and the reasons for which they have not been settled so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Pension from the Central Revenues has been sanctioned in 21345 cases in so far as ex-INA (Azad Hind Fauj) personnel are concerned, State-wise break-up of such personnel is not available with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(b) No application received by the prescribed date viz. 31st March, 1982 is pending. However, requests for review continue to be received. These are considered in the light of the fresh evidence, if any, produced by the person concerned.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2379 transferred from 28th August, 1990.

Demands of a Welfare Association of the Passport Offices

3193. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received some demands from the Karna Karamchari Welfare Association of the Passport Offices; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken on their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Some representations have been received from employees of the Passport Offices including the demand for recognition of the 'Karamchari Welfare Association'.

(b) No new staff association of the employees of the Central Government are being recognised at present. However, keeping in view the staff representations, steps have been taken for a few transfer policy, cadre review for improved promotional prospects and increase in the staff strength.

Regional Staff Training Institute for AIR and Doordarshan at Bhubaneswar

3194. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a Regional Staff Training Institute at Bhubaneswar for training All India Radio and Doordarshan staff from 11 States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, whether the work of the project has started; and

(c) the cost of the project and the time fixed for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The preliminary estimate for the construction of the building is under sanction.

(c) The estimated cost of this project is Rs. 12.00 crores approximately. The Scheme is envisaged to be completed during the VIIIth Plan.

Installation of Television Studios at Sambalpur and Jeypore in Orissa

3195. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa have requested the Government of India to instal two Auxilliary Television studies at Sambalpur and Jeypore for production of programmes depicting two culturally rich regions of the State; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no approved Scheme at present for setting up a programme production facility either at Sambalpur or Jeypore.

Memorandum on Affairs of improvement Trust, Phagwara, Punjab

3196. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have received a memorandum from the Owners of Booths at Phagwara Town, Punjab, demanding inquiry against the corrupt practices of Improvement Trust Phagwara Punjab; and

(b) if so, the report of the inquiry made and the action taken by Government against the officials involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY):

(a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Punjab representations had been received from the owners of the booths concerned. The State Government have initiated an inquiry in that regard and samples for testing have been taken by the Guru Nanak Engineering College, Ludhiana.

आकाशवाणी में ग्रेड II स्टेनोग्राफरों की वरिष्ठता सूची

3197. श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कोशिश करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आकाशवाणी के अर्ध नस्थ कार्यालयों में ग्रेड-II स्टेनोग्राफर की वर्ष 1974 में जारी मिश्रित वरिष्ठता सूची से हिन्दी के स्टेनोग्राफरों की उपेक्षा करके केवल अंग्रेजी के स्टेनोग्राफरों को पदोन्नत किया गया है;

(ख) क्या वरिष्ठ वैयक्तिक सहायकों के पदों संबंध भर्ती नियमों में स्टेनोग्राफी की भाषा निर्धारित की गई है ;

(ग) क्या भारत सरकार के इस आशय के कोई आदेश हैं कि केवल अंग्रेजी के स्टेनोग्राफरों को ही वरिष्ठ वैयक्तिक सहायक के रूप में एस०ए०ई० स्तर के अधिकारियों के साथ लगाया जाए; यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में रायभाषा निति का उल्लंघन किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ङ) क्या वरिष्ठ वैयक्तिक सहायक का काम समाचारों पर नजर रखना है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;