

information, which have been called for from the State Government.

Harassment of a boy by Patel Nagar Police Station

1405. SHRI LAKSHMANA MAHA-PATRO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a complaint dated the 5th December, 1977 regarding torture of a boy in Patel Nagar Police Station in the night of the 4th December, 1977.

(b) whether it is a fact that at 1.00 a.m. on the 5th December, 1977 two police constables went to the house of Shri Shanker Lal and asked his father Shri Chuni Lal to accompany them to the police station;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Duty Officer at the Police Station, asked the father to take away the boy who was lying in a serious condition in the police station; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to hold any enquiry into the above incident and regarding a subsequent raid on the 6th December, 1977 at the residence of Shri Chuni Lal by goondas and the refusal of police to register the complaint?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) Yes, Sir. A complaint containing such allegations has been received by the Delhi Police.

(b) and (c) During the course of investigation of case FIR No. 795 dated 24-11-1977 under section 454/380 IPS P.S. Patel Nagar, one Madal Lal alias Maddu disclosed that he along with one Shankar Lal and Kamal had committed burglary. Shankar Lal was then arrested on 10-12-1977 and produced before the Magistrate who released him on bail the same day.

(d) The Vigilance Branch of the Delhi Police is enquiring into the complaint of Shri Chuni Lal.

Indian Economic Service

1406. SHRI V. P. MUNUSAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts in the Indian Economic Service at the time of its initial constitution and during the year 1977;

(b) what are the reasons for not increasing the strength of the Service commensurate with the development needs of the country; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to increase the strength of the Service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) The number of posts in various grades of the Indian Economic Service as on 1-11-1961, the date on which the Indian Economic Service was constituted and as on date is as follows:—

Grade	As on 1-11-61	As on date
I . . .	15	28
II . . .	15	40
III . . .	95	136
IV . . .	199	263
TOTAL	324	467

In addition, there is a reserve of 111 posts in Grade IV for meeting requirements of training, deputation and leave.

(b) and (c) The question of encadrement of posts with economic functions in Ministries/Departments is constantly under review of Government. All such posts which are required on long term basis and do not need specialised experience not generally available with members of the Indian Economic Service are being encadred in appropriate grades of the Service in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments and the

Union Public Service Commission. As a result of this exercise, the strength of the duty posts has risen from 324 at the time of constitution of the Service to 467 at present.

Hostel facilities for students of the Institute of Mass Communication

1407. SHRI C. P. MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi had any hostel facilities earlier;

(b) if so, since when the hostel was closed and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware of the demands of the students for hostel facilities and that they recently went on strike to press the same;

(d) whether Government propose to take any action to provide hostel accommodation to the students as well as to the staff members of the Institute; and

(e) if so, by when such accommodation is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI LAL K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due largely to its uneconomical working, the hostel was closed in November, 1973.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Institute tries to help the needy students by arranging accommodation in the hostels of the National Council for Educational Research and Training, Institute of Secretariat Training and Management and National Institute of Family Welfare. The Institute has also been asked to explore the possibility of providing a hostel in its new campus which is now being planned.

Discontinuance of teleprinter service in the Institute of Mass Communications

1408. SHRI C. P. MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) What are the reasons for the discontinuance of the teleprinter service in the Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the students of the Institute have demanded restoration of the teleprinter service; if so, what action Government propose to take thereon; and

(c) by when the teleprinter service is likely to be provided there?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI LAL K. ADVANI): (a) The Government at that time considered the teleprinter service in IIMC avoidable.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, the matter is under consideration.

Research Personnel working in the Institute of Mass Communication

1409. SHRI C. P. MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of Research Personnel at present in the Institute of Mass Communications, New Delhi;

(b) what amount is being spent per month on the payment of salary to the Research Personnel;

(c) what is the number of Research Projects completed by the Institute since April 18, 1973;

(d) what action Government have taken thereon;

(e) whether all research reports have been published and distributed to other similar Research Institutions in the country; and