

2. बम्बई में विवाहित अफसरों के आवास रोस्टर में 350 में अधिक सेना के अफसर हैं और विवाहित अफसरों के आवास की स्थिति बहुत विकट है। "रिवेरा" भवन में रह रहे अफसरों को स्थानांतरित करना सम्भव नहीं है क्योंकि वैकल्पिक आवास उपलब्ध नहीं है। जैसा अन्य स्थानों पर है, बम्बई में धीरे-धीरे सरकारी आवास बनाने के प्रयत्न किए जा रहे हैं तथापि, धन की कमी के कारण प्रगति धीमी रही है और इसलिए भवनों फर्निचरों को किराए पर अधिग्रहण पर रखा जा रहा है। यह कहना सम्भव नहीं है कि भवन को कब तक खाली कर दिया जायेगा।

†[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is attached.

Statement

The names of the officials who are at present residing in 21 out of the 24 flats in the building which are still held on hire by the Defence Ministry, are given below:—

1. Captain B. R. Vasanth, IN.
2. Cdr. P K Lalhal
3. Cdr. Taneja
4. Cdr. B. S. Bhatena.
5. Cdr. S. M. Arora
6. Wing Commander M. K. Kapoor
7. Shri A. P. Abichandani, MES.
8. Lt. Col. S. S. Grewal
9. Fg. Offr. R. L. Dey
10. Flt. Lt. Paranchpe
11. Sqn. Ldr. S. K. Chaudhari
12. LCDR S. Venkataraman
13. LCDR B. R. Katyal
14. P. Offr. P. C. Prem
15. Lt. Col. E. R. Talit

16. Shri G. B. Borde
17. Sqn. Ldr. V. S. Sharma.
18. Shri T. R. Krishnan, MES
19. Wing Commander J. K. Bankapur.
20. LCDR A. S. Balakrishnan
21. Fg. Offr. J. S. Oberoi.

The remaining 3 flats are in the process of allotment to eligible officers.

There are more than 350 Service Officers on the married accommodation roster at Bombay and the position of married accommodation is very acute. It is not possible to shift the officers occupying the building 'RIVERA' as alternate accommodation is not available. As at other stations, efforts are being made to gradually build Government owned accommodation at Bombay. On account of paucity of funds, however, progress, has been slow and so the necessity to retain the building/flats held on hire requisition continues to exist. It is not possible to say when the building will be dehiere.]

Arms and Ammunitions with Chambal Valley Dacoits

1455. SHRI M. KADERSHAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chambal Valley dacoits get their arms and ammunition from the Indian Army and most of the arms were purchased by the dacoits during the Indo-Pak war of 1971; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). A rigid system of daily accounting of arms and ammunition held by the units, is followed in the Army. Therefore, it would not be normally possible for undesirable elements to obtain weapons from Army

sources. However, the Central Bureau of Investigation, in collaboration with the Madhya Pradesh Police and the Army authorities, are investigating into this matter.

Coastal Shipping service for cargo

1456. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the shortage of ships for coastal cargo;

(b) whether the private ship owners are reluctant to operate on these lines as these are not economically viable;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce their own shipping service for coastal cargo; and

(d) if not, what measures Government propose to take to meet the demand of coastal cargo?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI): (a) It is a fact that coastal shipping has not attracted sufficient tonnage in recent years.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) A tonnage of 3.40 lakhs GRT is firmly on order. Government are implementing a number of steps in this regard. Several measures to improve the turn-round at ports are under way and with the anticipated commissioning of Haldia port by August, 1975, faster turn round of ships would become possible. Besides these, a few framework of arrangements to assist reasonable economic operations of the vessels on the coast is being worked out.

Asian Security System

1457. SHRI H. S. NARASIAH: DR. Z. A AHMAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether he discussed the details of the Asian Security System with the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka when he visited that country recently?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): No, Sir.

Sukinda Nickle Project

1458. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that plant design etc., for Sukinda Nickle Project is not yet finalised; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Design and engineering of the plant have not yet been taken up as pilot plant tests for the processing of the ore to be first carried out to arrive at the design parameters for the various equipment of the processing plant and other information with regard to the process have not yet been completed.

Plastic Explosives found in the road used by the Chief Minister of Sikkim

1459. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some plastic explosives were detected in Gangtok along the road frequently