

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : (क) और (ख) पाकिस्तान और तिब्बत से लगे हमारे सीमा क्षेत्रों में सड़कों की व्यवस्था सुरक्षा आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए पर्याप्त है। नई सड़कों का निर्माण और वर्तमान सड़कों का सुधार जहाँ जहाँ आवश्यक होता है किया जाता है।

†[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) and (b) The existing net work of roads in our border areas adjoining Pakistan and Tibet are adequate to meet our security requirements. Construction of new roads and improvement to the existing roads are undertaken wherever necessary.]

PROVISION OF ROOM COOLERS TO P.O.Ws.

*573. SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the provision of room coolers to the P.O.Ws. of Pakistan is provided under the Geneva Convention; and

(b) if so, what expenditure is being incurred by Government on that account.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) The Geneva Conventions provide that humanitarian treatment should be given to prisoners, including attention to their health, but do not specify the items that should be supplied for these purposes.

(b) One civilian in custody was provided with a room-cooler for two days on humanitarian grounds. The expenditure was insignificant.

BAN ON ARMS SALE LIFTED BY U.S.A.

*574. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Government have lifted the ban on India's buying or receiving arms from that country; and

(b) if so the names of other countries from where India is purchasing arms and defence equipment at present ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) It is not in public interest to disclose the details.

RADIO ADVERTISEMENTS RELATING TO TAX EVASION

*575. SHRI DHARAM CHAND JAIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that income-tax department proposes to advertise through radio the evils of income-tax evasion as is done in regard to ticket railway travel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K.R. GANESH) : The Wanchoo Committee have made certain recommendations regarding a massive publicity programme through press, radio, films, televisions etc. to make the public tax conscious. Some of the recommendations of the Committee have been implemented. The recommendation regarding publicity over the radio about the evils of tax evasion is under examination.

BUILDING OF PATROL SHIPS BY INDIAN NAVY

*576. SHRI K.L.N. PRASAD : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

† [] English Translation.