

(b) The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness has not yet finalised its report. When the report is finalised and received by Government, further action will be taken.

RELEASED EMERGENCY COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

\*216. SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many released Emergency Commissioned Officers are without employment at present;

(b) how many of them are graduates and post-graduates; and

(c) how many of them were graduates and above and of less than 24 years of age at the time of joining the Army?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) 1748; 28 are yet to be released.

(b) 131 are post-graduates and 607 are graduates.

(c) 242.

परिवार नियोजन के सम्बन्ध में पुरुषों और महिलाओं के नसबन्दी आपरेशन

\*217. श्री राम साहय : क्या स्वास्थ्य तथा परिवार नियोजन और निर्माण, आवास और नगर विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 मार्च 1971 को समाप्त हुए वर्ष के दौरान परिवार नियोजन के सम्बन्ध में पुरुषों और महिलाओं के कितने कितने नसबन्दी आपरेशन किए गए; और

(ख) कितने मामलों में आपरेशन बावजूद सन्तानोत्पत्ति की सूचना मिली ?

†[VASECTOMY AND TUBECTOMY OPERATIONS

\*217. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of vasectomy and tubectomy operations performed dur-

ing the year ending March 31st, 1971; and

(b) the number of reported cases in which the persons concerned gave birth to children in spite of the said operations?]

स्वास्थ्य तथा परिवार नियोजन मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री ए० के० किस्कू) : (क) 10 मार्च 1971 तक प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार 1-4-1970 से 31-1-1971 तक की अवधि में कुल 10,52,322 नसबन्दी आपरेशन किए गए हैं। कुल आपरेशनों का स्त्री-पुरुष वार ब्यौरा इस प्रकार है :

पुरुष नसबन्दी . . . . .	6,94,497
स्त्री नसबन्दी . . . . .	3,25,096

राज्यों में 32,729 आपरेशनों का स्त्री पुरुषवार ब्यौरा प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) ऐसे मामलों की संख्या बहुत कम है और इसके आंकड़े एकत्र नहीं किए जाते हैं।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) According to information received upto 10th March, 1971, a total of 1,052,322 sterilisation operations have been performed between the period 1-4-1970 to 31-1-1971. Sex-wise breakup of the total number of operations is as given below :

Vasectomy . . . . .	694,497
Tubectomy . . . . .	325,096

Sex-wise breakup in respect of 32,729 operations has not been received from the States.

(b) The number of such cases is very small and this data is not compiled.]

CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY BY NANGAL FERTILIZER PLANT

\*218. SHRI DEV DATT PURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to change the manufacturing process at the Nangal Fertilizer

†[ ] English translation.

Plant so as to save the heavy electric consumption at the plant thereby reducing pressure at the Bhakra generating station; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND NON-FERROUS METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) It is not proposed to change the manufacturing process at the existing Fertilizer plant at Nangal.

(b) The power supply in the area, where the Nangal Fertilizer factory is situated, is expected to improve when the power stations under execution are commissioned.

#### CHINA'S REQUEST FOR A BASE IN TRINCOMALEE IN CEYLON

\*219. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of China have asked the Ceylon Government for a lease on Trincomalee in order to use the Indian ocean as a logistic base; and

(b) if so, what are the reactions of the Government of India in this regard and what steps are being taken to forestall this new danger?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) Government have no information that China has made such a request to Ceylon.

(b) Does not arise.

#### SODA ASH PRODUCTION†

\*15. SHRI ARJUN ARORA :

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA :

DR. SALIG RAM :

SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that soda ash production has been lagging behind demand;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to meet the demand?

†Transferred from the 29th March, 1971.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND NON-FERROUS METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes Sir. Since 1970 production has fallen short of demand.

(b) Additional capacity for the production of soda ash has not materialised as expected.

(c) (i) Existing units have been asked to increase production to the extent possible.

(ii) Imports of soda ash by the State Trading Corporation have been and are being arranged.

(iii) Application for the establishment of additional capacity have been invited recently by means of a Press Note, for ensuring more production as a long-term solution.

#### TREATY AMONG BIG POWERS

\*220. SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the U. S. A., Britain and Russia have recently signed a treaty banning the use of nuclear weapons and other instruments of mass destruction from sea-beds and ocean floors; and

(b) if so, what are the main points of the treaty and the reaction of the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The text of the Treaty is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXXV, Annexure No. 29.] The question of signing the Treaty is under examination of Government.

#### SURVEY IN THE COASTAL BELT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOR OIL DEPOSITS

\*221. DR. Z. A. AHMAD :

SHRI M. V. BHADRAM :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has recently been carried by the Oil and Natural