

WOOL FACTORIES IN BIHAR AND ORISSA

1213. CHAUDHARY A. MOMAM-MA' : :

SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY :

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the wool factories which are operating in Bihar and Orissa ; and

(b) whether any licences for importing wool from foreign countries have been issued to these factories ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Bihar—3, Orissa—Nil.

(b) No actual users licences are issued to woollen factories for importing wool from foreign countries, since the import of wool is canalized through the State Trading Corporation.

TV DOCUMENTARY BY B.B.C. DISTORTING IN DIA'S IMAGE

1214. SHRI J. S. TILAK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the B.B.C. in its TV documentary has grossly distorted India's image ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India to this grave distortion and what steps they have taken or propose to take to ensure that the B.B.C. in its T.V. Broadcasts presents a fair and accurate picture of India ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL

(c)

AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have informed both the B.B.C. and the U.K. Government, that they do not appreciate the screening of such films on the BBC T.V. Government have also initiated action regarding BBC operations in India.

ADMISSION TO INDIAN MILITARY ACADEMY AND SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

1215. SHRI E. M. SANGAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to make 2nd year passed student of three year's diploma course in Engineering from Delhi Polytechnic, eligible for the admission to the Indian Military Academy and Short Service Commission ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what are the latest criteria regarding qualifications and age limits, for admission to Indian Military Academy and Short Service Commission ?

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

(b) The educational qualification attained by a candidate who has passed the 2nd year of the three-year Diploma course in Engineering is not considered equivalent to the minimum academic qualification prescribed for the pre-Commission Training Courses at the Indian Military Academy or for Short Service Commission (Non-Technical), namely Intermediate, and it is clearly not equivalent to a Degree in Engineering which is the minimum prescribed for entry to Short Service Commission (Technical).

	IMA Direct Entry (Civilians)	OTS Short Service Commission	
		Non-Tech.	Tech.
Age	18 to 21 years	19 to 25 years.	20 to 27 years.
Educational qualification.	Intermediate or Equivalent.	Intermediate or Equivalent.	Engineering Degree or Equivalent.