

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Government have seen the press report.

(b) and (c) Cases of racial discrimination are to be reported to the Race Relations Board, set up by the U. K. Government under the Race Relations Act, 1968

The general assistance of the Indian High Commission in U. K. is always available to Indian nationals to advise them about correct procedures and in resolving to the extent possible difficulties which arise in connection with racial discrimination.

UTILISATION OF ELECTRIC POWER OF TARAPUR NUCLEAR POWER STATION

*245. SHRI J. S. TILAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the electric power generated at the Tarapur Nuclear Power Station is not being fully utilised by the Gujarat and Maharashtra States ; and

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

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) The Tarapur Atomic Power Station has been generating steady power which is being supplied on a commercial basis from October 2, 1969. The entire power generated by this Station is being supplied to the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat. The generation of power is presently restricted owing to two limitations, namely (i) the need for certain modifications to the Switchyard erected and operated by the Maharashtra State Electricity Board and (ii) the necessity for strengthening the grid particularly in Gujarat.

STATEMENT OF GEN. KUMARAMANGALAM REGARDING ARMY

*246. DR. SALIGRAM :

SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent statement made

by Gen. Kumaramangalam (retired) to the effect that "the army is the least popular profession...very few people like to join it as a career unless most of the other avenues are closed. We get very few (officers) from those of higher grade, not in birth but in quality" ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the Statement ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE, STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Government have seen a newspaper report more or less to this effect.

(b) Considering the large intake of officers, both regular and short-term, for the Army over the past few years, the response from persons wishing to join the Army is quite good, though there is room for improvements, particularly in the intake of Short Service Commissioned Officers in the technical branches. The shortfalls in the last few years, can amongst other factors, be ascribed to the inadequate response from the State Governments for making available civilian officers under the Compulsory Service Liability Scheme and the natural desire of Technical Graduates to go in for more permanent careers than Short Service Commissions in the Army. Special measures which Government have taken, including the establishment of Sainik Schools for preparation of boys for the National Defence Academy, and the Special Entry through the NCC, are expected to make up some of the shortfalls.

ट्रेक्टर उपहार योजना

*247. सरदार गुरचरण सिंह तोहडा : क्या वैदेशिक व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ट्रैक्टर उपहार योजना के अन्तर्गत सितम्बर, 1969 तक भारत को कुल कितने ट्रैक्टर प्राप्त हुए ;

(ख) क्या यह योजना सफल रही है ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो यह कब तक जारी रखी जायेगी ?

[[TRACTOR GIFT SCHEME

*247. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of tractors received in India upto September, 1969 under the Tractor Gift Scheme ;

(b) whether this Scheme has been a success ; and

(c) if so, for how long it would be continued ?]

वैदेशिक व्यापार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (चौधरी राम सेवक) : (क) ट्रैक्टर उपहार योजना के अन्तर्गत ट्रैक्टरों के आयात के लिये 30 सितम्बर, 1969 तक 673 सीमा शुल्क निकासी परमिट दिये गये हैं। भारत में अब तक प्राप्त ट्रैक्टरों की वास्तविक संख्या के सम्बन्ध में जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(ख) योजना के अन्तर्गत इसकी प्रतिक्रिया सन्तोषजनक रही है।

(ग) योजना 31 अक्टूबर, 1969 को पहिले ही समाप्त हो गई है। इसके बढ़ाने का प्रश्न विचाराधीन है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK):

(a) 673 customs clearance permits have been issued upto the 30th September, 1969 for import of tractors under the Tractor Gift Scheme. Information regarding the actual number of tractors received so far in India is not available.

(b) The response under the Scheme has been satisfactory.

(c) The Scheme has already expired on 31st October, 1969. The question of its extension is under consideration.]

TALKS TO SOLVE NAGA PROBLEM

*248 SHRI RIZAQ RAM :

SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether moderate Naga rebels have approached Government for further talks to solve the Naga problem ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):

(a) Shri Scato Swu, of the so-called "Revolutionary" faction of the Underground Nagas, called on the Prime Minister, at Kohima, on the 25th September, 1969 and in a memorandum presented to her made an appeal for the resumption of political talks.

(b) As has been stated on many occasions in the past, a settlement of the Naga problem was reached in 1960. When law and order is fully restored, further implementation of the 1960 Agreement can be gone into. While all citizens of India, including Nagas, are free to make suggestions for the betterment of Nagaland to the Governor and Government of Nagaland, Government of India are not contemplating any talks with the underground.

‡प्रेस तथा रेडियो के बीच तालमेल

*138. श्री राजनारायण : क्या वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सूचना तथा प्रसारण के राज्य मंत्री श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुजराल ने संयुक्त अरब गणराज्य के साथ प्रैस और रेडियो के बारे में अधिक घनिष्ठ तालमेल बिठाने हेतु बातचीत की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह बात चीत किस प्रकार की है ?

‡[CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN PRESS AND RADIO

*138. SHRI RAJNARAIN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Inder Kumar Gujral has held negotiations with the United Arab Republic for bringing about close co-ordination regarding the Press and the Radio ; and

(b) if so, in what manner ?]

†Transferred from the 21st November, 1969.

†[] English translation.

‡[] English translation.