

THE DE'UTY MINISTER IN ITH:-
MINI TRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (^HRI
SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : a.) Government
have seen i the press repo t.

(b) and (c) Gases of racial discri" mination are io
be reported to the Race Relations Boa d, set up by
the U. K. Government i under the Race Relations
Act, 1968.

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

UTILISATION OF ELECTRIC POWER OF TARAPUR NUCLEAR POWER STATION

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

(a) whethe it in a fact that ihe electric power
genera ed at the Tarapur Nuclear Powei Statio- is
not being fully utilised by the Gujar (und
Maharashtra States ; and

(bj if so. bat are ihe reasons therefor ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF
ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA
GANDHI) : (a) and (b) The Tarapur Atomic Power
Station has b-en generating steady power which is
beiri^ supplied on a commercial basis from October
a, 1969. The entire power genen ted 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 modification!" to the Switchyard
erected and operate,, by the Maharashtra State
Electricity Board and (ii) the necessity for
strengthening the grid particularly in Gujarat.

STATBSMNT OF GEN. KUMARAMANCAU I CARDING ARMY

*a.6. DR. SALIGRAM :

SHI I KRISHAN KANT : SHM A. G.
KULKARNI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
ple:i l te :

(a) wheih r 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 Govem-ment to
the Statement ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE, STEEL AND
HEAVY ENGINEERING (SARDAR SW ARAN
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 then-is room for
improvements, particularly in the intake of Short
Service Commissioned Officers in the iechnical
branches. The shortfalls in the last few years, can
amongst other factors, be ascribed to the inadequate
response from ihe 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,
arc expected to make up some of the shortfalls.

ट्रेक्टर उपहार योजना

*247. सरदार गुरुचरण सिंह तोहड़ा :

क्या वंदेशिक व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की
कृपा करेंगे कि :

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

(न) क्या यह योजना सफल रही है ;
और

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