

जिस तरह से चीन-पाकिस्तान का रोड बनाया गया उसी तरह से हमारे नार्थ के डिफेंस के लिये वह तैयारी हो चुकी है क्या ।

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH : Madam, the hon. Member . . .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Question Hour is over.

श्री राजनारायण : मैडम, हमारा तो कोई सवाल ही नहीं हुआ ।

उपसभापति : क्या करना है ।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SHORTAGE OF ENGINEERS IN ARMED FORCES

*385. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR :
SARDAR GURGHARAN SINGH TOHRA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

- whether it is fact that there is an acute shortage of engineers in the Armed Forces ;
- if so, the detail in this regard; and
- the steps taken by Government to make up the shortage on a regular basis ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Shortage of engineers in the Army and Navy exists to the extent of 16% and 34% respectively. There is no shortage in the Air Force.

(c) The steps taken for meeting deficiencies in the Army and Navy are as follows :—

Army

- Increase in the intake of Engineering Graduates from civil life for grant of Permanent Commissions in the Indian Military Academy.
- Introduction of a Short Service Commission (Technical) for Engineering Graduates from civil life.

(iii) Permanent Commissioned Officers in the Technical Corps and those to be given Permanent Commissions hereafter in the same Corps are being trained on long engineering courses.

Navy

Deficiencies are sought to be met by commissioning cadets through the National Defence Academy, Direct Entry and University Entry Schemes. These are already under way.

पाकिस्तान से श्रीमती नीताबागची का प्रत्यावर्तन

*390. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी : क्या वदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कूच-बिहार के जिला अधिकारी ने नवम्बर, 1968 में पूर्वी पाकिस्तान में रंगपुर के जिला अधिकारी को तार भेज कर श्रीमती नीता बागची को भारत लौटाने का आग्रह किया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पाकिस्तानी अधिकारियों ने श्रीमती बागची को लौटाने के बारे में क्या कार्यवाही की है ; और

(ग) श्रीमती बागची को भारत लाने के लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा और क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

t [REPATRIATION OF SHRIMATI NEETA BAGCHI FROM PAKISTAN

*390. SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHANDARI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in November, 1968 the District Officer in Cooch-Bihar requested telegraphically the District Officer in Rangpur in East Pakistan to repatriate Shrimati Neeta Bagchi to India;

(b) if so, what progress has been made by the Pakistani authorities for the repatriation of Shrimati Bagchi; and

(c) what further steps are being taken by the Government of India for the repatriation of Shrimati Bagchi?

)*[] English translation.