

orders for the release of the boat on July 14. The boat left Colombo for India on 15th July.

600. [Transferred to the 5th August, 1968.]

SHORTFALL IN PLAN TARGET

601. SHRI M. R. VENKATARAMAN :

SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIAMENON :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a shortfall in the Plan target during the year 1967-68;

(b) if so, the extent of the shortfall and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Planning Commission have made any assessment of the shortfall; and

(d) if so, what are the findings thereof ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (d) A detailed review, which will include the required information, will be contained in the Annual Progress Report for 1967-68, which will be laid on the Table of the House when ready. The progress during the year 1967-68 has been reviewed, to the extent possible, in the document on the Annual Plan, 1968-69, which has been laid on the Table of the House.

RETRENCHED EMERGENCY COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

602. SHRI M. M. DHARIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Emergency Commissioned Officers retrenched or released from 1st January, 1965 to 31st May, 1968;

(b) the number of such retrenched or released officers who were able to secure alternative jobs; and

(c) whether there is any scheme to recruit Short Service Commissioned Officers and if so, how many such Officers have been recruited from 1st June, 1965 to 31st May, 1968 ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) 1,733. This includes Officers who resigned on personal grounds, those whose services were terminated on disciplinary, inefficiency or other grounds, and those who were invalided out of service.

(b) Alternative employment for 1061 has been secured up to 1-7-1968.

(c) A scheme of grant of Short Service Commissions is already in force. 2290 Officers (excluding Medical Branch) have been granted Short Service Commissions from 1st June 1965 to 31st May, 1968.

603. [Transferred to the 9th August 1968.]

HIGH POWERED TRANSMITTER IN PUNJAB

604. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has recently approached the Central Government for installation of a high powered radio transmitter either at Jullundur or at Amritsar to counteract the Pakistani propaganda against India; and

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

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) Yes, Madam; for an auxiliary studio and transmitter at Amritsar.

(b) An additional high power medium-wave transmitter has been installed and commissioned at Jullundur from April, 1968, which is used when necessary for factually correcting false or in correct news and views propagated by Pakistan against India.

GORKHAS IN CHINESE ARMY

605. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR :

SHRI RAJNARAIN :

SHRI BALKRISHNA GUPTA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of China is negotiating with the