

**CENTRAL PRESS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE**

1192. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Press Accreditation Committee has been reconstituted since 1965;

(b) when this Committee met last; and

(c) the number of fresh applications for accreditation are pending now with the P.I.B.?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) The Committee constituted in May, 1965 continues to function. The All India Newspaper Editors' Conference and the Indian Federation of Working Journalists, who have equal representation on the Committee, have since replaced one nominee each.

(b) On 1st August, 1968.

(c) Sixteen.

**ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH CENTRE IN JHANSI**

1193. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to set up an Atomic Energy Research Centre at Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) If so, what progress has so far been made in this direction; and

(c) what is the estimated expenditure to be incurred on the Research Centre?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**ACCIDENT TO AIR VEHICLE ON WAY FOR BORDER PUBLICITY**

1194. SHRI YELLA REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he recently went to border areas including Badrinath for a quick survey of the arrangements for border publicity;

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(b) if so, whether along with his convoy there was a vehicle carrying a squad from the Song and Drama Division of the All India Radio;

(c) whether this vehicle met with an accident; and

(d) if so, the details of the accident?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The ill-fated vehicle carrying the drama troupe of the Song and Drama Division, did NOT form a part of my party.

(c) and (d) After the vehicle had moved about 18 miles from Rishikesh, it swerved from the road, jumped through the low parapet down the ravine, went hurtling down to about 50 feet along the slope, dashed against a big tree and came to a halt. According to the driver, the steering wheel had got jammed. All the occupants of the vehicle were injured and one of them, Shri Prem Singh, Stage Assistant of the Song and Drama Division, succumbed to his injuries and died in the hospital on the same day. The rest were discharged after the necessary medical treatment.

**OFFICERS SENT ON DEPUTATION TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

1195. SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of officers of his Ministry sent on deputation to foreign countries during the last ten years ; and

(b) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes officers among the officers mentioned at part (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

1196. [Transferred to the 28/A August, 1968.]

**ADVISORY COMMITTEES/BOARDS OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

1197. SHRIMATI SARLA BHADARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of various Advisory Committees or Boards connected with the Ministry of External Affairs, the names of their members with their qualifications;