vehicles of Ramalangham Camp fell into a khud on the Foot Hill-Chaku Tenga Road resulting in the death of a sepoy of 102 Engineer Regiment and a Subedar and five other ranks of 194 Mountain Regiment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this road was not in use since the Chinese attack of 1962 and was lying closed and abandoned; and

(c) if so, what were the reasons for sending these vehicles on that road?]

t[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : ta) A

रक्षा मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) : (क) 194 माऊंटेन रेजिमेंट के काम करने वालों के एक दल को ले जाती हुई एक सैनिक गाड़ी की जब वह टेंगा चाकू के साथ साथ सड़क में एक प्रतिरोध को साफ करने के लिए जा रहा था, 20 जून, 1968 को सड़क के बैठ जाने के कारण, लगभग 9 बजे रात को पहाड़ी से फिसल कर गिर गई थी। इस दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण दुर्घटना के फलस्वरूप एक जे०सी०ओ० और 4 अवर श्रेणी सैनिक निधन प्राप्त हो गए। उस दिन एक और सैनिक ट्रक उसी क्षेत्र में दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया, कि जिस में 102 माऊंटेन रेजिमेंट का एक अवर श्रेणी निधन प्राप्त हो गया।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

military vehicle carrying a working party of 194 Mountain Regiment while proceeding to clear the road block along Tenga Chaku Road rolled down the hill sice at about 9 P.M. on 20th June, 1968 due to the sinking of the road. This unfortunate accident resulted in the death of one JCO and 4 ORs. On the same day there was another military Truck accident in the same area in which one O.R. of 102 Engineer Regiment died.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.]

ELIGIBILITY FOR INDIAN MILITARY ACADEMY EXAMINATION

1215. SHRI E. M. SANGMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred

t[ ] English translation.

Question No. 738 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1968 and state ;

(a) whether the question of making two year pass students of tnree-year Engineering Diploma Course of a Polytechnic also eligible to appear for the Indian Military Academy examination, has since been examined;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no decision has yet been taken, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c) The matter is still under examination.

आकाशवाणी के प्रोग्राम स्टाफ के लिए पदोन्नति के अवसर

1216. **श्रीमती बिन्दुमती देवी : क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण** मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चन्दा कमेटी की एक सिफारिश आकाशवाणी के प्रोग्राम स्टाफ की इन शिकायतों के सम्बन्ध में थी कि उन्हें पदोन्नति के अवसर तथा अन्य सुविधायें नहीं मिलतीं ;

(ख) प्रोग्राम स्टाफ की पदोन्नति के क्या अवसर हैं तथा निम्नलिखित पदोन्नतियां किस अनुपात से की जाती हैं :—

(1) कार्यक्रम अधिकारी से सहायक स्टेशन डाइरेक्टर ;

(2) सहायक स्टेशन डाइरेक्टर से स्टेशन डाइरेक्टर ;

(3) स्टेशन डाइरेक्टर से सिलेक्शन ग्रेड पोस्ट; और

(4) सिलेक्शन ग्रेड पोस्ट से उपमहानिदेशक; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि स्टेशन डाइरेक्टरों के सिलेक्शन ग्रेड पदों की संख्या घटाई जा रही है?

t [AVENUES OF PROMOTION FOR PROGRAMME STAFF OF AIR

1216. SHRIMATI BINDUMATI DEVI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the recommendations of the Chanda Committee was about the grievances of the programme staff of All India Radio for not having avenues of promotion and other facilities ;

(b) what are the avenues of promotion for the programme staff and in what proportion promotions are made from (i) Programme Officer to Assistant Station-Director, (ii) Assistant Station Director to Station Director, (iii) Station Director to Selection Grade post, and (iv) Selection Grade post to the Deputy Director General; and

(c) whsther it is a fact that the number of Selection Grade posts of Station Directors are being reduced ?]

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री के० के० शाह) : (क) चन्दा समिति ने इस बारे में कुछ टिप्पणियां की हैं, परन्तु उसने इस सम्बन्ध में कोई ठोस सिफारिश नहीं की है ।

(ख) नियमित प्रोग्राम स्टाफ में सब से छोटा पद ट्रांसमिशन एक्जीक्यूटिव का है । इससे अगला ऊंचा पद प्रोग्राम एक्जीक्यूटिव का है । प्रोग्राम एक्जीक्यूटिव के 25 प्रतिशत पद ट्रांसमिशन एक्जीक्यूटिवों से पदोन्नति द्वारा भरे जाने के लिए आरक्षित हैं । अगला ऊंचा पद सहायक केन्द्र निदेशक का है । इसके 75 प्रतिशत पद प्रोग्राम एक्जीक्यूटिव संवर्ग से पदोन्नति द्वारा भरे जाते हैं और शेष पद सीधी भर्ती द्वारा । अगले ऊंचे पद केन्द्र निदेशक (सामान्य ग्रेड) और केन्द्र निदेशक (सिलेक्शन ग्रेड) और उप-महानिदेशक के हैं । ये सभी पद नीचे के संवर्गों से पदोन्नति द्वारा भरे जाते हैं और इनमें से कोई भी पद सीधी भर्ती द्वारा नहीं भरा जाता ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

t[THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) The Chanda Committee has made some observations to that effect but it has not made any concrete recommendation on the subject;

(b) The lowest level of regular programme staff is Transmission Executive. The next higher level is Programme Executive. 25% of the posts of Programme Executives are reserved for promotion from Transmission Executives' cadre and the rest are filled by direct recruitment. The next higher level is Assistant Station Director. 75% of posts at this level, are filled by promotion from Programme Executives cadre and the rest are filled by direct recruitment. The next higher levels are Station Director (ordinary grade) and Station Director (selection grade) and Deputy Directors General. All these posts are filled by promotion from lower cadres and no direct recruitment at these levels is made.

(c) No, Sir.l

PUBLICATION OF ALL INPIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY C.S.O.

1217. SHRI D. THENGARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Statistical Organisation brings out any publication of the All India Consumer Price Index for non-Manual Urban Employees;

(b) if so, what is the latest month for which these figures are published;

(c) whether there is a gap between the month of publication and the month for which the index covers uniform during the last twelve months;

(d) if so, what is the gap; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative what has been the maximum and the minimum gaps during the last twelve month period?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) l (a) Yes, Sir. The index is published in the Monthly Abstract of Statistics brought out by the Central Statistical Organisation.

(b) For the month of November 1967, published in the May, 1968 issue of the Monthly Abstract of Statistics.

t[ ] English translation.