

A. R. C. STUDY TEAM ON DEFENCE MATTERS

519. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a study team of the Administrative Reforms Commission on Defence matters visited recently the forward areas of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b), if so, the names of the personnel of the team ;

(c) the terms of reference of the team; and

(d) the recommendations made by the team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (c) The Administrative Reforms Commission appointed a study team on Defence matters to examine administrative problems relating to lands and Cantonments ; Defence Ministry and its relations with Service Chiefs; Ordnance Factories and other undertakings ; manufacturing defence stores and equipment; dependence on foreign imports and import substitution; Supply depots; and Defence Research and Development. The study team is at present headed by Shri S. N. Mishra, M. P., the other members being Shri S. R. Rane, M. P., Professor Balraj Madhok, M. P., Shri Nath Pai, M. P., Dr. Nagendra Singh and Lt.-General S. P. P. Thorat (Retd.). Some members of the team recently visited Cantonments and Military Stations in certain regions including Jammu and Kashmir. The visits did not relate to the forward areas as such.

(d) The team has not yet submitted its final report.

UNEMPLOYED ENGINEERS

520. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR :

SHRI RAJ NARAIN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide employment to the un-employed engineers in the country ; if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons for the delay in formulating a scheme in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : (a) A statement of the measures approved by the Government for creating employment opportunities for engineers was placed on the Table of the House in reply to Starred Question No. 61 answered on 24th July, 1968.

(b) Does not arise.

CONSTRUCTION OF AERODROME AT DEHRADUN

521. SHRI GODEY MURAHARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representations have been made for connecting Dehra Dun by air to the various other centres, namely Rishikesh, Hardwar and Mussoorie ; and

(b) whether Government would consider the building up of an aerodrome in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question of construction of an aerodrome at Dehra Dun has been considered by Government in consultation with the Indian Airlines, Since Dehra Dun is well connected by surface transport with the neighbouring cities, and does not yet offer sufficient air traffic potential, the need for an aerodrome there has not been established.

PRIME MINISTER'S TOUR TO SOUTH AMERICA

522. SHRI GODEY MURAHARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special Air-India plane was chartered for the recent visit of the Prime Minister to South America; and

(b) if so, on what terms was it chartered ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The