

soon after the close of the financial year.

*479. [Transferred to the 13th March, 1968.]

NEW PAY SCALES FOR ARMED FORCES

*480. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief of the Air Staff in a recent statement from NEFA, as published in local papers and broadcast from the Air, stated that Government would announce within a month new pay-scales for officers and men of the Armed Forces; and

(b) if so, by when the new pay-scales are likely to be announced and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Chief of the Air Staff mentioned only about improvements in certain allowances and concessions applicable to Defence Services officers and personnel.

(b) A statement containing improvements in allowances and concessions is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXIII, Annexure No. 45]

A.I.R. STATIONS AT HYDERABAD AND VIJAYVADA

*481. SHRIMATI C. AMMANNA RAJA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the power of the transmitter at the All India Radio Stations at Hyderabad and Vijayawada; and

(b) if they are not powerful enough, whether Government intends to instal more powerful transmitters at these places?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI

K. K. SHAH): (a) The Hyderabad Station of All India Radio has three medium wave transmitters, one each of high, medium and low power and one short wave transmitter of medium power. The station at Vijayavada has two medium wave transmitters, one each of medium and low power.

(b) The power of the existing transmitters is considered adequate and there is no proposal, at present, to instal more powerful transmitters at these centres.

FOURTH FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR KERALA

*482. SHRI KESAVAN (THAZHAVA): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala have submitted their schemes for inclusion in the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the main features of schemes submitted by Kerala Government; and

(c) what is the estimated amount to be spent thereon; and

(d) what is the attitude of the Central Government towards the schemes submitted by Kerala Government?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) No Sir. Schemes for the Fourth Five Year Plan (1969-74) have not yet been called for from the State Governments.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

पाकिस्तानी नाविकों की गिरफ्तारी पर पाकिस्तान की प्रतिक्रिया

*483. श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) 17 फरवरी, 1968 को कच्छ क्षेत्र में अवैध रूप से घुसे दो सौ पाकिस्तानी