

countries for publicity work; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the members of these delegations and to which countries these delegations were sent?]

वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय में उपस्थित
(श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह): (क) नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

PERSIAN GULF SECURITY PACT

*225. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY:
SARDAR RAM SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is making an attempt to form Persian Gulf Security Pact with Turkey, Iran etc. and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):

(a) and (b) The Government of India are aware of the speculations on the security arrangements in the Persian Gulf area and of Pakistan's possible role in conjunction with other State. However, it has been noted that in its issue of January 23, 1968 the Karachi Daily 'Dawn' carried a report of a statement made by the spokesman of the Pakistan Foreign Office to the effect that "the Pakistan Government has no such arrangement under consideration" are watching the developments in the area closely.

†[] English translation.

EMPLOYMENT TO RETIRED AND DISABLED JAWANS

*226. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide suitable employment to the retired and disabled Jawans of the Indian Army;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) what was the number of such Jawans at the end of the year 1967?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) Government have already taken several measures to provide facilities and concessions for the re-employment of retired released and disabled ex-servicemen. No new measure is, at present, under consideration of the Government in this connection except to extend the present orders for reservation of vacancies in permanent Class III and Class IV posts for ex-servicemen to the extent of 10 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively to temporary vacancies also of long or indefinite duration.

(c) According to statistics of Employment Exchanges, the number of such ex-servicemen awaiting employment as shown on their live registers was 55,602 on 30th September, 1967.

BUILDINGS FOR INDIAN MISSIONS

*227. SHRIMATI DEVAKI GOPI-DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of our foreign missions which are housed in their own buildings and the number of places where the Government of India have purchased land for the construction of buildings for our Missions; and

(b) whether Government propose to have our own buildings for all our Missions?