

है कि हिन्द महासागर में ब्रिटन द्वारा अड्डे बनाने का भारत द्वारा विरोध किये जाने से संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका की सरकार असन्तुष्ट है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस संबंध में अमरीका सरकार भारत सरकार को अपनी प्रतिक्रिया भेजी है ?

†[U.S.A. REACTION TO INDIA'S OPPOSITION TO BRITISH BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN

*434. SHRI RAJNARAIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news reports to the effect that the U.S.A. Government is dissatisfied over India's opposition to the establishment of British bases in the Indian Ocean; and

(b) if so, whether the Government of U.S.A. has communicated its reaction to the Government of India in this regard?]

वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री एम० सी० चागला) : (क) और (ख) हिन्द महासागर में ब्रिटिश अड्डों की स्थापना के विषय पर हमारी स्थिति के बारे में संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका की सरकार ने भारत सरकार से कुछ भी नहीं कहा है।

†[THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) and (b) The Government of U.S.A. have not communicated any views to the Government of India in regard to our position on the establishment of British bases in the Indian Ocean.]

STENOGRAPHERS IN A. F. H. Q.

955. SHRI M. VERO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to

state the procedure followed in A.F.H.Q. for promotion of Stenographers Grade II and Grade I to the posts of Superintendents with special reference to the fact, whether they are redesignated as Assistants before promoting them as Superintendents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): A proportion of the total number of posts of Superintendents in A.F.H.Q. and Inter-Service Organisations is allocated to Stenographers. Promotion to these posts is made, on the basis of selection, by a duly constituted Departmental Promotion Committee, from amongst suitable Stenographers Grade I. Stenographers Grade II with at least 10 years' service in the grade are eligible for consideration for promotion to such of the posts of Superintendents as for any reason cannot be filled by Stenographers Grade I.

Stenographers Grade I and Grade II are not required to be redesignated as Assistants or to work as such before promotion to the grade of Superintendents.

INFORMATION SECTION OF INDIAN EMBASSY

956. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers working at present in the Information Section of the Indian Embassy at Washington;

(b) what is the salary paid to each officer; and

(c) whether these officers have to work in cooperation with Shri Ganju?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) Five, Sir,

†[] English translation.

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