

BOAT TRAGEDY NEAR POONA

676. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to recent boat tragedy near Poona in which six army officers are reported to have lost their lives; and

(b) if so, the circumstances in which the tragedy occurred?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A court of Inquiry has been constituted to ascertain the circumstances under which the six officers were drowned.

MYSTERIOUS SATELLITES OVER KASHMIR

677. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Blitz' of 8th July, 1967 to the effect that mysterious satellites launched from the Pakistan side of the Cease-fire line have been seen hovering over Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the menace of such satellites?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have no evidence or information which may corroborate the Press report.

देवनागरी लिपि में 'इंडियन एयर फोर्स'

678. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भण्डारी : क्या

रक्षा नवा यह बातों को कठुपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने 'इण्डियन एयर फोर्स' को देवनागरी लिपि में भी 'इण्डियन एयर फोर्स' लिखने का निश्चय किया है;

† [] English translation.

(ख) यह निश्चय कब किया गया था;

और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि इस विषय में राष्ट्रपति द्वारा यह आदेश पहले ही जारी किया जा चुका है कि 'इंडियन एयर फोर्स' को भारतीय वायु सेना लिखा जाना चाहिये ?

† ["INDIAN AIR FORCE" IN DEVNAGRI SCRIPT

678. SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to transliterate "Indian Air Force" in 'Devnagri' script;

(b) when the decision was taken; and

(c) whether it is a fact that an order has already been issued by the President to the effect that 'Indian Air Force' should be written as 'Bharatiya Vayu Sena'?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बी० आर० भगत) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) 'इण्डियन एयर फोर्स' के हिन्दी यर्याय का अपनाये जाने के प्रश्न पर सरकार विचार कर रही है।

† [THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The question of adoption of the Hindi equivalent of 'Indian Air Force' is under the consideration of Government.]

THOMPSON FOUNDATION FELLOW IN LONDON SENTENCED FOR FRAUD

679. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

† [] English translation.