

referred to the desirability of shifting the U.N. Headquarters away from New York. However, this matter has not come up for consideration as a formal proposal. In case a formal move is made in this direction, Government will consider the proposal in the light of its specific terms and merits.

CULTURAL ATTACHES

747. SHRI MAHAMMED HANEEF: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of countries in which the Government of India have appointed cultural attaches;

(b) what are the qualifications of the cultural attaches;

(c) what work the cultural attaches are doing;

(d) what funds are allotted for disseminating information about India through cultural attaches;

(e) the number of Indian Embassies in which there are libraries containing books etc. on India for the use of those who are interested in India; and

(f) what relations our Embassies have established with Universities and Cultural Societies in other countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) and (b) The work of cultural publicity through Indian Missions abroad is looked after principally by the Press Attache or by one of the officers designed for the purpose by the Head of the Mission.

Apart from the requisite academic qualifications, officers entrusted with this work have some background about cultural and educational matters.

(c) The cultural work done varies from country to country but mainly covers contacts with educational and cultural institutions, promotion of cultural activities, administration of Indian libraries.

(d) Funds for this purpose are allotted to the Missions both by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Education.

(e) Fifty-one.

(f) The cultural activities of the Indian Missions abroad in co-operation with local cultural Societies and universities include arrangement of seminars, exhibitions, etc. for projecting various aspects of Indian cultural heritage, assisting students' organisations in cultivation of interest about India, exchange programmes for students and teachers, visits of cultural troupes from India, arrangements for admission of Indian students in local universities and *vice versa*.

NATIONAL SAMPLE SURVEY DIRECTORATE

748. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of permanent posts in Class II service of the National Sample Survey Directorate as on, 1st January, 1964, 1st January, 1965 and, 1st January, 1966;

(b) the number of persons actually confirmed against the above-mentioned posts on the dates mentioned against them;

(c) the number of Class U Officers who are still officiating although they have worked against such posts for more than 6 years; and

(d) the reasons for not confirming them in their posts?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) 1st January 1964. 53

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(c) 22.