

aid or loan? What will be the foreign exchange component of it and may I know how it is to be proposed to be met?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 60 crores subject to revision on account of appreciation in prices, the rates of customs duties, changes in the design of the plant, etc. The foreign exchange component is of Rs. 20.8 crores. The Government of France has been approached for a loan to cover the foreign exchange cost of the project and the request is still under the consideration of the French Government. The loan is required to cover the cost of a few items of conventional equipment and raw materials which are not available in India. I should like to say that the proposed power station will be set up mainly by Indian engineers utilising the basic design obtained from Canada under the Technical Co-operation Agreement concluded by the Department of Atomic Energy with Atomic Energy of Canada, Limited.

SHRI C. D. PANDE : Formerly, there had been certain collaborations with Canada and other countries and there was a condition that the by-products like plutonium and uranium 235 will not be used for making any weapons later on if we desired to do so. May I know whether this condition will be waived because we do not want to bind ourselves for any subsequent developments?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : This will no doubt be considered, Sir.

SHRI SANTOKH SINGH : How much of electricity will be produced out of this power station? What will be the size of the power station?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : This station will generate 400 MWE and it is expected to go into operation during the first year of the Fifth Plan period.

N. C. C.

*9. **SHRI JAGAT NARAIN :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to make N.C.C. a compulsory part of education imparted in schools and colleges; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS) : (a) and (b) Except for certain categories, N.C.C. training has already been made compulsory by the Universities for all able-bodied male under-graduates in Degree Colleges and Universities in the country. For girl students, school students and other exempted categories, it is voluntary. There is no proposal before Government to make NCC compulsory in schools.

श्री जगत नारायण : क्या वजीर साहब बतलायेंगे कि स्कूलों और कलेजों में कितना पर्सेंट विद्यार्थियों को एन० सी० सी० की ट्रेनिंग दी जा रही है ?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS : I have said that as far as the colleges are concerned, it is compulsory. Now the sanctioned number has gone up to about 11 lakhs and the recruits come to about a little over 10 lakhs, that is over a million. As far as the schools are concerned, I have said that it is voluntary. The sanctioned strength comes to about six lakhs and the recruitment comes to about five lakhs.

SHRI G. MURAHARI : I would like to know whether the Government is considering the possibility of extending the role of the NCC to the non-student youth because the NCC today covers only the schools and other educational institutions. So, I would like to know whether the Government would create conditions whereby the youth of rural India can also take part in the military programme.

SHRI A. M. THOMAS : There are other programmes for them, like the Territorial Army. This question relates to NCC training in various colleges, universities and schools.

श्री रामकुमार भुवालका : क्या सरकार सामरिक शिक्षा अनिवार्य करने के बारे में विचार कर रही है क्योंकि बिना इस शिक्षा

के सारे देश के विद्यार्थियों में इन्डिम्प्लिन फैल रहा है ?

SHRI A M THOMAS Sir, I said that it is compulsory in the case of university under-graduates, but not compulsory in the case of schools. It is difficult to make it compulsory for schools. In fact, even now there is a shortage of officers and that is why perhaps development of this very highly desirable venture is affected. The weakness has been the shortage of officers. So, it is not possible to make it compulsory for schools and we think it would be only a practicable proposition to make it voluntary so far as the schools are concerned.

SHRI B K P SINHA May I know if we have enough arms, ammunition and equipment for the commitments that we have already undertaken for the training of NCC Cadets ?

SHRI A M THOMAS At one stage there was a shortage of rifles as well as clothing but it is being made up. Still there is some shortage in the matter of rifles which we used in the NCC training—the DPBF rifles. We are trying to make up the shortage.

SHRI R S KHANDEKAR Has the Ministry issued any orders that students particularly students of professional colleges, will not be allowed to appear in the examination if they do not join the NCC if there is a shortage in NCC of something like that ? If there is any such thing, may I know why ?

SHRI A M THOMAS Unless there is some sanction, there is no meaning in making it compulsory. But even for professional students it is only for three years for, in the pre degree course, they do the necessary training, for two years they do the compulsory training in NCC. Afterwards it is only one year more. Of course there is this stipulation that in case there is a shortage of attendance in this matter they may not be allowed to appear, unless exempted because of illness or something like that. If it is to be made compulsory there should be some sanction behind it.

MR CHAIRMAN The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CHINESE ARMS TO PAKISTAN

*10 { **SHRI U S DUGAL**
SHRI JAGAT NARAIN

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have any definite information regarding the number of Chinese tanks and MIGs given to Pakistan by China, and

(b) if so what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y B CHAVAN) (a) and (b) Government have an estimate regarding the number of Chinese tanks and MIGs given to Pakistan by China. It will, however, not be in public interest to disclose the same.

CHANDA COMMITTEE REPORT ON AIR

*11 **SHRI M P BHARGAVA** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No 2 in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th February 1966 and state

(a) whether the final report of the Chanda Committee on the All India Radio has since been received by Government,

(b) if so, by when Government are likely to take a decision on the recommendations contained in the report, and

(c) when the report is proposed to be placed on the Table of the House ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) As soon as the various recommendations have been carefully examined

(c) The report is proposed to be laid on the Table of the House during the current session.

SIKH PLACES OF WORSHIP IN PAKISTAN

*12 **SHRI RAM SINGH** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state