

(b) The question does not arise. However, there is already a provision for payment of pensions upto Rs. 100 p.m. by money order, at the option of the pensioner, after deducting the money order commission, in cases where pension is drawn through treasuries and pension paymasters.

EAST PAKISTAN ARMED FORCES FIRING ON INDIAN TERRITORY

457. SHRI T. M. DASGUPTA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times and the names of the places where East Pakistan Armed Forces opened fire on Indian territory in Tripura after the recent cease-fire in September last; and

(b) what was the nature of these attacks and damage done to the life and property of Indian citizens what steps had been taken to protect them ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) During the period from 23rd September, 1965 upto 30th November, 1965, Pakistani Armed Forces fired on 30 occasions at the following places on the Tripura border :

Befonia, Karangicherra, Kalamchera, Agartala area, Fulkumari, Sonamura, Karimpur, Bhagalpur, Debipur, Narsinggarh and Ishanpur.

(b) The firing, at times heavy, was mainly directed at our posts and patrols, without any provocation. In some cases, civilians who resisted attempts by Pakistani intruders to extract forest produce from our areas were also fired at. During these incidents two Indian civilians were wounded. Besides, a few heads of cattle were killed.

Our Border Security Forces returned the fire whenever necessary. Protests have also been lodged with the Government of Pakistan.

भारतीय वायुसेना की पत्रिका

458. श्री लक्ष्मीनारायण दास : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय वायुसेना की कोई अपनी पत्रिका है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार भारतीय वायु सेना के लिए अलग से कोई पत्रिका निकालने का विचार रखती है ?

‡[MAGAZINE FOR I.A.F.

458. SHRI L. N. DAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Air Force has a journal of its own; and

(b) whether Government propose to publish any Hindi Journal exclusively for the Indian Air Force ?]

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री वाई० बी० चव्हाण) :

(क) जी हाँ। दो जर्नल हैं, अर्थात् :—

(1) "भारतीय वायु सेना त्रिमासिक", जो वायु सेना की व्यापक रुचि से संबंधित है; और

(2) 'फ्लाइट गार्डियन' जो वैमानिक सुरक्षा से संबंधित है।

(ख) जी नहीं, परन्तु 'भारतीय वायु सेना त्रिमासिक' का हिन्दी परिशिष्ट भी होता है।

‡[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. There are two journals viz. :

(i) Indian Air Force Quarterly, which deals with matters of general Air Force Interest; and

(ii) 'Flight Guardian', which is concerned with air safety.

(b) No, Sir, but the 'Indian Air Force Quarterly' has a Hindi Supplement.]

PROMOTION OF STENOGRAPHERS OF D.G.O.F.

459. SHRI P. CHETIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of stenographers in D.G.O.F. who have put in over 10 years of service as on December 31, 1964;

(b) how many stenographers were recommended by the Departmental Promotion Committee for promotion to the next higher post since January, 1963 till November 15, 1965 and how many of them were actually promoted; and

(c) if none of the stenographers was promoted, the reasons therefor ?

‡ [] English translation.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) 21 stenographers completed 10 years of service or more as on 1-12-65.

(b) One stenographer was selected by the Departmental Promotion Committee for promotion as Stenographer Grade I. He was promoted with effect from 2-1-63. (There is only one post of stenographer Grade I at the D.G.O.F. Headquarters.)

(c) Does not arise.

TRAINING IN CO-OPERATIVES IN ANAND

460. **SHRI P. CHETIA :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any employee of the D.G.O.F. Calcutta has been deputed for training in co-operatives in Anand; and

(b) if so, the nature of advantage expected to be derived out of his training in co-operatives ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS) : (a) Yes.

(b) The employees sent for training deal with work connected with Industrial Co-operative Societies attached to Ordnance Factories. This training is, therefore, expected to be of advantage to the Organisation. No fees are charged by the Co-operative Union for this training.

PROMOTION OF GRADE II STENOGRAPHERS OF AHQ AND AFHQ

461. **SHRI P. CHETIA :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the promotional avenues open for the Grade II Stenographers in the Army and Air Force Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence; and

(b) what are the general conditions laid down for such promotions ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) In the Armed Forces Headquarters (including Army and Air Force Headquarters) and Inter Service Organisations of the Ministry of Defence, Stenographers Grade II are eligible for promotion to the grade of Stenographer Grade I, which is a "selection" post. Promotions are made on the basis of merit, with due regard to seniority.

ISSUE OF MAGAZINES ETC. TO M.Ps.

462. **SHRI JAIRAMDAS DAULATRAM :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the names of the magazines, bulletins or newspapers, news-sheets issued by the Ministry of External Affairs or its Embassies in U.K., U.S.A., France, West Germany, Egypt, Turkey, Iran and Ghana which are sent to the members of each House of the Congress or Parliament or equivalent sovereign bodies of those countries ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) :

(i) A statement giving the names of magazines, bulletins, etc. produced for distribution by the Ministry of External Affairs and by the Indian Missions in U.K., U.S.A., France, West Germany, U.A.R., Turkey, Iran and Ghana is placed on the Table of the House. (See below Statement I.)

(ii) Another statement giving the names of Indian periodicals supplied to our Missions in these countries for distribution purposes is placed on the Table of the House in the form of Statement II. (See below.)

(iii) A statement giving the titles of pamphlets sent to Indian Missions abroad during the period 5-8-65 to 30-11-65 for distribution purposes is also placed on the Table of the House. (See below Statement III.)

Members of Parliament or Congress or equivalent sovereign bodies of foreign countries to which our Missions are accredited, are normally on the mailing list of our Missions for supply of publicity material.