

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Class I—Nil. Class II—202

(b) 12.86% approximately.

(c) Class II Gazetted; Scale of pay—Rs. 350-25-500-30-590-EB-30-800.

(d) Yes, Sir, 12 posts of Ordnance Officer (Staff) have been created in the M.G.O. Branch at Army Headquarters in the scale of Rs. 740-900.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT GWALIOR

331. SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of a new telephone exchange building at Gwalior has started; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI) : (a) No.

(b) Working drawings for the telephone exchange building have not yet been approved by the Gwalior Nagar Nigam. The tenders for building construction have however been called.

MR. BHUTTO'S VISIT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

332. DIWAN CHAMAN LALL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government made it clear to all countries visited by Mr. Bhutto recently that the Indian Government always desired to act in friendly manner towards Pakistan and that it was Pakistan which attacked Kashmir and continues to occupy Indian territory in spite of Kashmir having acceded to India ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : Our Missions are in close contact with Foreign Offices, including those of the countries recently visited by Mr. Bhutto, LIRS/65—3

and do not miss an opportunity to explain our stand on Kashmir.

HIGH-POWERED TRANSMITTER

333. { SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA :
SHRI M. C. SHAH :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 42 in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th, November, 1964 and state :

(a) whether negotiations for purchase of high-powered transmitter have since been finalised with any country;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of transmitter; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (c) It has since been decided to procure a super high power medium-wave transmitter for All India Radio in addition to the short-wave transmitters. Discussions in regard to this transmitter have taken place with U.S.S.R. There is also the offer from Yugoslavia. We are discussing technical details and the matter will be finalised soon.

As regards procurement of high power short-wave transmitters, an indent has already been placed on the Directorate General, Supplies and Disposals.

RADIO-ACTIVE DUST PARTICLES FOUND IN SNOWFALL IN KASHMIR

334. { SHRI D. THENGARI :
SHRI G. K. KAPOOR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during recent heavy snow-fall in Kashmir radio-active dust particles are understood to have been detected by the High Altitude Cosmic Research Laboratory at Gulmarg :