

प्रधान मंत्री (श्री लाल बहादुर) :
(क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) पश्चिमी बंगाल सरकार ने जांच की है और उन्हें पता चला है कि इन दावों में कोई सचाई नहीं ।

[THE PRIME MINISTER
(SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of West Bengal have made enquiries in the matter and have found that there is no truth in the claims made.]

INDIANS' TRAVEL TO NEPAL

343. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to place restrictions on travel of Indians to Nepal; and

(b) if so, what are those restrictions ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OFFICERS OF T. A. GIVEN REGULAR COMMISSION

344. SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that officers of the Territorial Army who were given Emergency Commission have not been given credit for their last services for the purposes of seniority, promotion or increments of pay; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) . (a) Yes, Sir; but credit

† [] English translation.

has been given for other purposes as stated below :

(i) A T.A. officer who was an Intermediate and who had 2 years embodied service as an officer, if recommended, was granted a Direct Emergency Commission without undergoing Preliminary Interview, Services Selection Board Interview and Pre-Commission training.

(ii) A T.A. officer who had 1 year embodied service or 2 years T.A. engagement, if recommended, was exempted from Preliminary Interview.

(b), The condition of recruitment, training and embodiment of T.A. Officers is different. If such a concession is granted to Territorial Army officers who were granted Emergency Commissions it would have adverse repercussions on other categories of officers in the regular Army and would also not be administratively feasible.

DELIVERY OF EXPRESS LETTERS AT GAUhati

345. SHRI BAHARUL ISLAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the daily average number of Express Letters delivered from the Gauhati Head Post Office;

(b) the total number of Express Delivery Messengers at the said Post Office; and

(c) the number of such Messengers necessary under the postal Rules for the delivery of such number of Express Letters ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI) : (a) 422.

(b) 10.

(c) As a rough guide, one cycle messenger is expected to deliver about 35 articles per day and a foot messenger 30 articles per day. If the number of articles addressed to one and the same person or office is large, the number of articles to be delivered per messenger may be increased. The justified strength can only be worked out accurately after taking into consideration

the pattern of traffic and local circumstances. The PMG Assam has recently reviewed the position and his report is awaited.

**ALLOTMENT OF PLOTS ETC. TO PERSONS
COMING FROM BURMA**

346. SHRI G. K. KAPOOR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 31 in the Rajya Sabha on 8th September, 1964, and state whether any residential accommodation, plots, shops have so far been allotted to the persons coming from Burma; if not, what are the reasons therefor, and whether any loans are being given to the persons for starting their business ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : The State Governments have been instructed to show special consideration to Indian nationals returning from Burma for the allotment of plots. However, exact information in this regard has to be collected from various States and is not immediately available. The Advisory Committee of the Kandala Free Trade Zone (Ministry of Commerce) has also decided to give preference to Indian nationals from Burma in the allotment of plots.

The Government of India have already sanctioned an amount of Rs. 41,40,000 for the purpose of business loans to the State Governments. Loans are being granted subject to a maximum of Rs. 2,000 per family for the purpose of starting a business.

RADIO SETS

347. SHRI M. C. SHAH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of radio sets operating in the rural areas of the country by the end of December, 1964; and

(b) the number of sets supplied to various State Governments during the year 1964 ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) The number of community listening sets available in December 1964 for use in the rural areas of the country was 1,67,702. The exact number of the sets which were actually operating in December 1964 is not known because the maintenance and operation of community listening sets is the direct responsibility of the State Governments.

(b) States	..	8,569 sets
Union Territories	..	820 sets
TOTAL		9,389 sets

LOSS OF A BAG CONTAINING INSURED GOODS

348. SHRI S. C. DEB : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a mail bag containing insurance goods and registered letters was found missing while being carried from Durgapur Steel Project Post Office by a rickshaw to mail-carrier bus on the 1st February, 1965; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As usual the Durgapur Steel Project Post Office closed nine mail bags on 1st February 1965 and despatched them through a mail peon for exchange with the mail bus on the G.T. Road at a distance of about 200 yards from the Post Office. The mail peon carried the bags in a rickshaw and while handing over the bags to the mail bus found a bag closed for Asansol RMS missing. The case is under Police and Departmental investigation. The mail peon and the rickshaw puller have been arrested. The loss sustained in this case is about Rs. 9,000.

GENERAL NE WIN'S VISIT TO INDIA

349. SHRI S. C. DEB : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the outcome of the talks the Prime Minister had with General Ne Win, Chairman of