

COMMONWEALTH IMMIGRANTS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Kingdom has decided to impose strict restrictions on immigrants of Commonwealth countries; and

(b) if so, how such restrictions affect Indian immigrants ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is not known as the new measures have not been announced by the British Government as yet.

EXHIBITION AT DURGAPUR

*372. SHRI NIREN GHOSH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of stalls rented out by the various public undertakings and Ministries of the Government of India in the Exhibition organised by the Congress Party at Durgapur on the occasion of its annual session; and

(b) the total amount given to the exhibition authorities in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :

(a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

INDIAN MISSIONS ABROAD

*373. SHRI M. C. SHAH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have completed the inspection of the Indian Missions abroad; and

(b) if so, what are the important findings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON) (a) 1^ Missions out of 111 resident Missions have so far been inspected by the Foreign Service Inspectors.

(b) The Inspectorate is an internal administrative agency set up for the purpose of visiting our Missions periodically for an overall administrative and organisational review. Their reports range over staff requirements, allowances, house rent ceilings, purchase of buildings etc. Suitable follow-up action is taken by Government on their recommendations,

U.N. PEACE KEEPING FUND

*374. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the response to the appeal issued by the Secretary-General, United Nations, in the matter of voluntary contributions from member-countries to the United Nations Peace Keeping Fund ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON) : The UN Secretary-General had made no formal appeal for voluntary contributions, though he told the General Assembly that it was his impression that there was general agreement that voluntary contributions could resolve the UN financial crisis. The idea of voluntary contributions, which was one of the elements in the proposal first outlined by the Afro-Asian Group, was not formally presented to the Assembly because of objections to the proposal as a whole from certain quarters made known in informal talks.

ABSORPTION OF PART-TIME WORKERS IN
REGULAR CADRE

*375. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any provision for absorbing part-time class IV employees, who are regularly employed by the P. & T. Department during peak hours of work, into the regular cadre; and

(b) if not, what other facilities are given to these workers who have put in many years of service in the Department ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes Sir. Such persons who have been taken as Extra departmental employees and have put in one year's service in that grade and are below 40 years of age are entitled to the following concessions for absorption in the regular grades.

(1) *Class IV cadre.*—They will be recruited in preference to outside candidates up to the number of vacancies available after providing for the regular departmental candidates, on their passing a simple qualifying test.

(2) *Postmen and Mailguards etc.*— They will be appointed as Postmen in preference to outsiders on their passing the simpler test as prescribed for departmental candidates, in the quota reserved for outside recruitment.

(3) *Clerical grades.*—Such candidates as possess the minimum educational qualifications of a pass in the Matriculation examination or its equivalent are allowed to apply for recruitment as clerks as outside candidates.

In all these cases a candidate can apply direct and need not come through the Employment Exchange.

lb) Does not arise.

URDU MAJLIS PROGRAMME

*376. SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Station of All India Radio has discontinued the half-an-hour evening broadcast of "Urdu Majlis" programme; and

(b) if so, what is the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) :

(a) No, Sir. The only change that has taken place is that, with effect from 26-1-1965, this programme is being relayed on a new channel (Channel D) which has been introduced at Delhi Station in order to bring about a more rational programme patterns.

(b) Does not arise.

URANIUM DEPOSITS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

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*377. -J RAMAUL :
[SHRI C. T. VARMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that uranium deposits have recently been discovered in Mahasu District of Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether Government contemplate to exploit the deposits and how long it would take to do so ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) and (b) Yes, the presence of uranium was detected last summer in an area 12 miles south-east of Rampur in Mahasu District of Himachal Pradesh. Detailed investigations will be undertaken by a field party of the Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy during the next summer season with a view to determining whether the deposit is worth exploiting. This is likely to take 2 or 3 field seasons.

ऐसे देश जहाँ भारतीय राजदूत नहीं हैं

*378. श्री रामकुमार भुवालका :
क्या वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री यह ज्ञान की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) ऐसे कौन-कौन से देश हैं, जिनके साथ हमारे कूटनीतिक संबंध तो हैं, किन्तु वहाँ पर अभी तक हमारे राजदूत नहीं भेजे गये हैं; और