

(b) Pakistani troops have been observed constructing bunkers and digging trenches all along the cease-fire line.

(c) All precautionary measures have been taken on our side of the cease-fire line].

FILM INSTITUTE OF INDIA

*42. SHRI JOSEPH MATHEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is hostel accommodation for the students undergoing training in the Film Institute of India at Poona; and

(b) whether any scholarship or stipend is given to the students there?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir; for Girl students only.

(b) Yes Sir. Government of India scholarships of Rs. 75 p.m. are given to 10 per cent of the students. Some State Governments, private organisations and individuals have also instituted scholarships which vary from Rs. 40 to Rs. 100 p.m.

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS

*43. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of survey ships and the number of properly trained and fully qualified surveyors employed to undertake hydrographic surveys; and

(b) whether Government have laid any programme and time-schedule to conduct survey of coastal waters on the ports of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE, PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): At present the Hydrographic Branch of the Indian Navy have 3 Survey Ships in commission and 41 trained and qualified surveyors.

(b) It is planned to carry out the survey of the coastal waters of the Gujarat State in about 4 to 5 years.

CONCENTRATION OF CHINESE TROOPS IN TIBET

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SHRI JAGAT NARAIN;
*44. { SHRI M. M. DHARIA;
SHRI J. C. CHATTERJI;
SHRI P. ABRAHAM;
SHRI R. K. BHUWALKA;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received reports of fresh concentration of troops by Chinese in Tibet along the Indian border;

(b) whether Chinese have constructed stone cairns in the demilitarized zone of Ladakh;

(c) if so, whether these facts have been brought to the notice of the Colombo Powers and other friendly countries; and

(d) what other steps Government have taken to meet this threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON): (a) It is a fact that the Chinese Government have been concentrating their troops, developing communications and consolidating the logistic capacity of the Chinese armies in Tibet in areas along the India-China border.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Indian Missions in all the Colombo Conference countries had been instructed to hand over to the respective foreign offices copies of the Government of India's protest note to the Chinese Government dated 26th February, 1964 on this subject.

(d) Government are taking all possible defence, diplomatic and publicity measures to counter the Chinese threat.