

INDIA'S DEFENCE NEEDS DISCUSSED WITH COMMONWEALTH PREMIERS

545. **SHRI I. K. GUJRAL:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Finance Minister during his recent visit to London discussed with the Commonwealth Prime Ministers the needs of India's defence; and

(b) whether they showed any inclination to meet our defence requirements in any significant manner?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

INSTITUTE OF MASS MEDIA

546. **SHRI I. K. GUJRAL:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Institute of mass media as recommended by the Ford Foundation Team; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The proposal is still under consideration.

DISACCREDITATION OF PRESS CORRESPONDENTS

547. **SHRI A. D. MANI:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Press Accreditation Committee has recommended for disaccreditation of some correspondents;

(b) if so, what are names of the correspondents concerned; and

(c) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) to (c) In accordance with rule 11 of the Rules for accreditation of correspondents representing newspapers or press agencies, the list of accredited representatives was reviewed in May 1964 in consultation with the Central Press Accreditation Committee. In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee, accreditation has been withdrawn in the case of the following correspondents:—

Name of the correspondent	Newspaper/agency represented
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1. ^b Shri Amar Nath Jha Indian nation, Patna.
2. ^f Shri Lankaf Sathyam Siasat, Hyderabad; Ganatantra, Cuttack
3. Shri R. P. Rao North American Newspaper Alliance, New York.
4. Sofia.
5. Shri Prem Bhatia Guardian, Manchester.

PROCUREMENT OF F-104 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

548. **SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state what is the progress made by Government with regard to obtaining F-104 Fighter aircraft from the United States of America?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): The supply of high performance fighter aircraft for the Indian Air Force under the U.S. Military Assistance Programme was one