

persons seeking to open the Savings Bank accounts in the Post Offices are made available on payment of the cost incurred on the preparation of the attested copies; and if so, what are the rates of cost; and

(b) whether copies of the entries made in the Savings Bank Register are made available to the depositors on payment of costs?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAWATI): (a) No, Rs. 5,000 per month per office for arise.

(b) Yes, Sir, at the rate of one rupee for every thirty entries or part thereof.

714. [Transferred to the 3rd October, 1964.]

ARMY OFFICES IN HONG KONG

715. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian Army officers are functioning in Hong Kong at a cost of Rs. 5,000 per month per office for the purpose of learning the Chinese language; and

(b) if so, how many offices have been opened?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. D. S. RAJU): (a) and (b) There are no Indian Army offices at Hong Kong for the purpose of Chinese language study. Six officers have, however, been sent to Hong Kong for language study. The approximate expenditure per officer exclusive of normal pay and allowance consists of about Rs. 7,500.00 per year towards tuition fees and Rs. 496.00 p.m. as foreign allowance.

PROMOTION TO RANK OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL

716. SHRI U. S. DUGAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any officers have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-General during the last eight months;

(b) how many of them have had the experience of Commanding a Division or an Area; and

(c) what are the minimum qualifications for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-General?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. One officer has been promoted to the acting rank of Lieutenant General since 1st January, 1964. The promotion of another to that rank has been announced but he has not yet assumed appointment in the higher rank.

(b) Both these officers had commanded a Division.

(c) The minimum service limit for promotion to the acting rank of Lieutenant General is 25 years. Normally, officers are selected for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-General on the basis of their general background, record and performance in commanding a Division and in a Staff appointment as Major-General.

•J-CHAIR IN MATHEMATICS TO DR. J. V. NARLIKAR

630. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have offered a Chair in Mathematics to Dr. J. V. Narlikar who is at present in London; and

(b) if so, whether the offer has been accepted by him?

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