

to Questions 2Q10

what are his relations with the Defence Secretary?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

*424. [The questioner (Shri V. M. Chordia) was absent. For answer vide col. 2942-43 infra.]

A.I.R. TRANSMITTER AT GWALIOR

*425. SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transmitter of the All India Radio at Gwalior has started working; and

(b) if not, by when it will start working?

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THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The transmitter is expected to start working by March, 1964.

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: May I know the reason for not installing this transmitter early, because in the last Session also I had received the same reply from the Minister?

SHRI SHAM NATH: The main transmitting equipment meant for Gwalior is presently in service at Poona and it would be shifted to Gwalior when a new 20 kw. medium wave transmitter is installed at Poona. That has been the reason for the delay.

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: What will be the power of this transmitter?

SHRI SHAM NATH: It will be of 5 kv.

BURNING OF ARMY HEADQUARTERS JOURNALS IN FIRE IN SOUTH BLOCK

*426. SHRI BANSI LAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that some journals and documents of the Army Headquarters were burnt as a result of the fire which broke out in South Block on 1st June, 1963; and

(b) if so, how did the fire breakout?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. K. CHAVAN): (a) No documents of Army Headquarters were burnt as a result of the fire. Only a few copies of old journals were affected by it.

(b) The exact cause of the fire could not be established.

श्री बंशीलाल : क्या मंत्री महोदय बतायेंगे कि कोई इस किस्म की इन्वॉयरी कमेटी बनी थी जो यह मालूम करे कि इस की वजह से क्या थी ?

श्री वाई० बी० चव्हाण : इन्वॉयरी तो बँठी थी और इन्वॉयरी कमेटी का रिजल्ट ही यह निकला कि यह कहना मुश्किल है कि कौन से कारण से यह हो गया है ।

श्री बंशीलाल : क्या मंत्री महोदय को पता है कि यह आग पहली बार ही नहीं लगी बल्कि इस के पहले भी दो, तीन दफा वहाँ आग लगी थी ?

श्री वाई० बी० चव्हाण : वही कमरे या वही हिस्से में लगी थी, यह बात सही नहीं है ।

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Is it the opinion of the Defence Minister that there is no extra significance to be attached to this fire apart from the usual accidents that occur in this way?