

Chinese intention to explode an atom bomb in the Gobi Desert; and

(b) if so, whether Government have asked for information from experts about Kashmir being affected by the fall-out of any explosion in the Gobi Desert?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : (a) Government are aware of reports regarding the possibility of the Chinese holding nuclear tests but these reports are so far unconfirmed.

(b) Periodical examinations are undertaken of air, water and soil samples from various parts of India, including Kashmir, to find out if there is any increase in the radiation content. The latest examinations have not revealed anything abnormal.

81. (*Transferred to the 1th March, 1963.*)

#### CENTRAL BODY FOR AUDITION OF HINDUSTANI CLASSICAL ARTISTES

62. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the Central Body which takes the final audition of Hindustani Classical Artistes for the AH India Radio;

(b) the names of member<sub>s</sub> of that Body; and

(c) the remuneration they get, if any.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER m THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) Northern Panel of Music Audition Board.

(b) Pandit S. N. Ratanjankar, Shri N. Padmanabhan, Pandit V. N. Pat-wardhan, Pandit V. A. Kashalkar, Shri Mushtaq Hussain Khan, Dr. R. L. Roy, Shri Shantilal H. Gujar, Shri D. T. Joshi, Shri B. K. Roy Chowdhury.

(c) Members who conduct auditions are entitled to an honorarium of Rs. 2 for each candidate auditioned.

#### ATTACK BY ELEPHANT ON AN ARMY TRUCK IN NEFA

f SHRI S. C. DEB: M- \ SHRI R. N. KAKATI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an army truck was recently attacked by an elephant on Kimi-Zero Road in the Subansiri Division of NEFA killing nine occupants of the truck;

(b) whether in another jeep accident near Bomdila, three army personnel, including a major, were killed and two other seriously injured on 5th February, 1963; and

(c) if so, how these accidents happened and what action Government axe taking to avert such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) No such accident has been reported.

(b) Yes.

(c) The cause of the jeep accident is being investigated by a Court of Inquiry. Further action, if necessary, will be taken after the findings of the Court of Inquiry are available.

#### BLUEPRINTS FOR FOURTH AND FIFTH PLAN PROJECTS

64. SHRI S. C. DEB; Wili the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Irrigation and Power Engineers on the conclusion of their deliberations on 8th February, 1963 recommended to the effect that if planning were to be successful, work on blueprints for the Fourth and Fifth Five Year Plan Projects must start now; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Planning Commission in this matter?