

CHINA'S LEAD OVER INDIA IN WEAPONS

*117. SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Institute of Defence Studies of which the Home Minister is the Chairman has submitted a paper stating that China has a lead of about five years over India in the development of weapons;

(b) whether it is a fact that the paper recommends that the Indian strategy should aim at the abolition of legitimacy of use of nuclear weapons by international agreement, failing which India should be prepared to become a balanced nuclear power; and

(c) if the replies to pans (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative what does Government propose to do in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) These are merely personal opinions of the author of the paper. The House is fully aware of the views as of Government on the question of nuclear disarmament and production of nuclear weapons by India.

MANUFACTURE OF READY-MADE GARMENTS

*118. SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Ordnance factories are intending to utilize the surplus productive capacity for the manufacture of ready-made garments;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for diverting such productive capacity to civilian use; and

(c) whether the Defence requirements of the country have been fully met so as to divert the productive capacity to other products ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The capacity for clothing stores etc. had to be augmented to meet the considerably increased

demands after the declaration of the Emergency. The bulk of the deficiencies in clothing items having been met by 1964, the requirements of the Service's for subsequent years have been considerably less. To utilize the surplus capacity after meeting the Defence needs, efforts have been made to meet the requirements of other Government Departments and civilian users.

एवरेस्ट पर्वत का चीन द्वारा सर्वेक्षण

* 119. श्री जी० एल० चौधरी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चीन ने एवरेस्ट पर्वत का नवीन सर्वेक्षण किया है और इस पर्वतीय भाग के उसने नये मानचित्र बनाये हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां तो क्या सरकार को पता है कि इन मानचित्रों में भारतीय राज्यक्षेत्र का एक बहुत बड़ा भाग शामिल कर लिया गया है ?

CHINESE SURVEY OF MOUNT EVEREST

*119. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that China has made a new survey of the Mount Everest and has drawn up new maps of this mountainous region; and

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that a large part of the Indian territory has been included in those maps ?]

वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : (क) और (ख) चीन की ओर से प्रेस-समाचार मिले हैं कि 1966 और 1967 में चीनी विज्ञान अकादमी द्वारा संचालित बड़े पैमाने के वैज्ञानिक अभियानों ने माउंट एवरेस्ट के आसपास के प्रदेश में विभिन्न प्रकार के वैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण किए। यह प्रदेश नेपाल-तिब्बत सीमांत का अंग है। परंतु, इन चीनी वैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षणों के परिणाम-स्वरूप, ऐसे कोई नए मानचित्र सरकार के देखने में नहीं आए हैं, जिनमें उन प्रदेशों के

†[] English translation.

अतिरिक्त, भारतीय प्रदेश के किन्हीं अन्य क्षेत्रों पर दावा किया गया हो, जिन पर इन से पहले के चीनी मानचित्रों में दावा किया जा चुका है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) There have been Chinese news reports that in 1966 and 1967, large-scale scientific expeditions organised by the Chinese Academy of Sciences carried out various branches of scientific surveys in the area surrounding Mount Everest. This area forms part of the Nepal-Tibet border. No new Chinese maps, however, have come to Government's notice as a result of the Chinese scientific surveys which claim parts of Indian territory over and above the areas already claimed in earlier Chinese maps.]

PAK. FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON KASHMIR

♦iao. SHRI JAIRAMDAS DAULAT-RAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by the Foreign Minister of Pakistan in the Pakistan National Assembly on 28th June, 1968 to the effect that Pakistan would never accept the cease-fire line in Kashmir as the international boundary and that India could not impose her will on Pakistan ; and

(b) if so, whether any such proposal has been made by the Government of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Government have seen Press reports to this effect.

(b) No, Sir.

RADIO STATIONS

233. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of radio stations set up so far by Government and the annual expenditure incurred thereon ;

(b) the number of radio stations transmitters set up far in border areas to propagate our view points; and

†[] English translation.

(c) the number of transmitters proposed to be installed in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) There are at present 65 broadcasting radio stations with varying studio and transmitting facilities functioning in the country. The expenditure incurred on the stations during 1966-67 was Rs. 441 lakhs approximately.

(b) 27 transmitters at 16 stations in the border areas, have so far been installed.

(c) Work is on hand for setting up of 21 more transmitters for service in border areas.

FILMS PRODUCED BY CHILDREN'S FILM SOCIETY

234. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of films produced by the Children's Film Society in 1967;

(b) the number of children's films sent abroad in exchange of films received from foreign countries for children; and

(c) the steps being taken to popularise such films amongst the students?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) Two.

(b) None. But some have been shown abroad independently.

(c) The Children's Film Society, India, has been taking steps to give a fill ip to children's film movement in the country in various ways. The Education Departments of the State Governments had, at the request of the Society, issued circulars to all schools inviting the attention of the teachers to the availability of children's films distributed by the Society. As a result of this, many schools have enrolled them selves as members of the 16 mm. library of the Children's Film Society. In addition, Children's Film Society has been organising Children's Week all over the country on 14th November each year when films specially made for children are exhibited in the rural and urban areas of the country. To give a family base to the movement, the Parents'-Teachers' Associations in this country are being involved for taking suitable initiative in promoting the children's film movement in the country.