

Shri Daji:
 Shrimati Vimla Devi:
 Shri M. R. Krishna:
 Shri J. B. S. Bist:
 Shri R. Barua:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government contemplate to convert the All-India Radio into a Public Corporation on the lines of the British Broadcasting Corporation; and

(b) if so, the main features of the proposal?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

IAF Firing Practice Accident

*25. { Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri Bagri:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special inquiry instituted on the death of three persons in January last in the firing practice by I.A.F. planes in Jangpura village near Ludhiana has been completed; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) and (b). The Commissioner of the Jullundur Division was asked to conduct a Special Inquiry into this accident as well as two similar incidents which had taken place in April and May 1965. His report has been received last week and is under detailed examination. In so far as the incident of 2nd January 1965 is concerned, his findings are that three boys of village Galib Kalan killed at about 3 P.M. on 2nd January 1965 as a result of an explosion caused by one of them tampering with an unexploded rocket. After analysing the evidence produced before him, the Commissioner has come to the conclusion that this rocket was released, earlier that day at about 12 noon from

an Air Force plane engaged in firing practice over the Sidhwan Khas Range and accidentally dropped without exploding into the fields from which it was picked up. The rocket was picked up by one of the three boys: killed who tried to break the rocket head by throwing it on the metalled road nearby with fatal results to all the three.

Indians born in Zanzibar

*26. { Shri P. C. Boroach:
 Shri Raghunath Singh:
 Shri Kajrolkar:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indians born in Zanzibar, but now living in East Africa have become Stateless persons since the independence of Zanzibar;

(b) if so, what is their political position there; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) to (c). The Constitution adopted by the Zanzibar Government after independence had provided for automatic acquisition of citizenship by this category of residents. The constitution was, however, abrogated in January, 1964 by the Revolutionary Government. Subsequently the Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar was announced and the position is somewhat fluid since the formation of the new State of Tanzania. Our representatives are in touch with the authorities in Dar-es-Salaam and London in the matter.

Expansion of T. V. Programme

{ Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri P. C. Boroach:
 Shri Bagri:
 Shri E. S. Pandey:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
 Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 *27. { Shri S. C. Samanta:

Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
 Shri Naval Prabhakar:
 Shri Kindar Lal:
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
 Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
 Shri Jashvanti Mehta:
 Shri P. R. Patel:
 Shri R. Barua:
 Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(c) whether it is a fact that West ernment have taken a decision to develop further the television services in the country;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the proposed programme;

(a) whether it is a fact that Gov- Germany has offered a gift of T.V. Studio; and

(d) if so, whether it has been ac- cepted and whether any foreign assis- tance is being sought in implementing the proposed programme?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Cabinet have approved of the expan- sion of Television Service under the Fourth Five Year Plan period at an expenditure of Rs. 4.7 crores by setting up Television Centres at Bombay, Cal- cutta, Madras and Kanpur and by further expanding the Television Ser- vice at Delhi to the surrounding areas.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The West German Government's offer to supply television equipment for one Studio at Delhi has been accepted. Whether any further assistance should sought for implementing the proposed expan- sion of television is under considera- tion.

Submarine for Indian Navy

*28. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
 Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
 Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
 Shri Brij Raj Singh:

Shri D. D. Puri:
 Shri M. N. Swamy:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri Tan Singh:
 Shri Kapur Singh:
 Shri Solanki:
 Shri Narasimha Reddy:
 Shri P. G. Sen:
 Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
 Shri Bagri:
 Shri R. S. Pandey:
 Shri Bade:
 Shri Hukam Chand
 Kachhavaia:
 Shrimati Tarkeshwari
 Sinha:
 Shri P. C. Borooh:
 Sinha:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Gulshan:
 Shri P. K. Deo:
 Shri Ram Sewak:
 Shri Madhu Limaye:
 Shri Mohan Swarup:
 Shri Basappa:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 722 on the 5th April, 1965 and state:

(a) whether the proposal for the acquisition of a modern submarine for the Indian Navy has been further considered; and

(b) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) and (b) The proposal for the acquisition of modern sub- marines is being pursued.

Explosion of Second Atom Bomb by China

*29. { Shri Hem Barua:
 Shri R. S. Pandey:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi: