

The Minister of Defence (Dr. Katju): As far as the Government is aware, only one Indian Armed Forces officer has gone to Pakistan after retirement during the last three years. In this connection, attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1766 on the 31st March 1955, on the floor of this House.

CANTEEN STORES DEPARTMENT

*2462. Shri Ram Dass: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the composition of the autonomous body that manages and controls the Canteen Stores Department;

(b) the authority that audits its accounts from year to year;

(c) whether a balance sheet of the accounts of this Department has ever been drawn up; and

(d) the amount of profit or loss that this Department made or incurred during the last four years from 1951 to 1955?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 52].

MERGER OF STATES AND HOME MINISTRIES

*2463. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the number of persons retrenched consequent on the merger of the States Ministry with the Ministry of Home Affairs?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): None.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*2464. Shri J. R. Mehta: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the proportion of the total strength of Commissioned Officers in our Armed Forces that falls under the categories:—

- (i) Short Service Officers;
- (ii) Emergency Officers; and
- (iii) Temporary;

(b) the tenure of office prescribed for each of these categories and the conditions under which their services are liable to be terminated; and

(c) the names of the categories which are eligible for pension?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 53].

LIBRARIES

*2465. Shri S. N. Das: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether any proposal has been considered for the passing of a suitable Act by the Centre for the development, organisation, control and supervision of libraries in the country?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): No.

U.P.S.C. EXAMINATION

*2466. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 239 on the 30th August, 1954 and state:

(a) the examinations which are being held now in Hindi and in the regional languages, besides English, by the Union Public Service Commission; and

(b) what is the programme for the future?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) English is at present the language for all the examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. For occasional recruitment to a few posts, however, for which knowledge of Hindi or regional languages is essential, the Commission hold a supplementary written examination.