

exchange of Indian and Yugoslav films; and

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) and (b). A request for commercial exchange of films has been received from the Embassy of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the matter is under consideration.

U.S. Military Mission in India

408. Shri Mohan Swarup: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total expenditure of the U.S. Military Mission in India is borne by the Government of India; and

(b) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred so far and the present strength of the members of this Mission?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir, the Government of India has been meeting only some of the local expenses of the Military Mission established by the U.S.A. to deal with the military assistance programme which had been agreed to between the two sides. We undertook to provide reasonable services and facilities to enable the mission to carry on its duties; these have included assistance in kind, such as accommodation and the pay of the mission's local employees, and periodically agreed rupee contributions for such expenses as purchase of stores and travel in India. The dollar expenditure, including the pay and allowances of the U.S. personnel, are borne by the U.S. Government.

(b) In accordance with these arrangements, the total amounts paid so far by the Government of India is Rs. 218.31 lakhs, which was to cover all likely rupee expenditure until June 30, 1966.

The strength of the Mission on the 31st of March, 1967, was 28 Officers and Men.

Territorial Army

409. Shri Jyotimoy Basu: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons who enrolled themselves in the Territorial Army from 1960 to 1965;

(b) the number of persons who have fulfilled the commitments made;

(c) the number of persons whose attendance had been less than 50 per cent of the total number of parades held;

(d) the number of persons who attended all the camps; and

(e) the total expenditure incurred thereon from 1960 to 1965?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) 41,034.

(b) 34,800.

(c) 6,234.

(d) 31,922. In addition, 8,492 who were not required to attend camps were called up for general embodiment during 1960—65.

(e) (i) Total expenditure on Territorial Army during 1960—65—Rs. 13,34,76,638.00.

(ii) Approximate expenditure on (d) above—Rs. 2,03,52,000.00.

Islands in the Indian Ocean

409-A. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:
Shri Umanath:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri George Fernandes:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.K. Government was negotiating to buy over certain Island in the Indian Ocean;

(b) if so, which are those Islands and who are their owners;

(c) whether the Government of India consider it essential to own