

is no proposal to upgrade the All India Radio station at Cuddapah, but there is a proposal in the Fourth Five Year Plan to convert the relaying station at Cuddapah into a relaying and programme originating station.

Illegal Entry into India by Tibetans

5123. Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:
Shri Atam Das:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Shiv Kumar Shastri:
Shri Y. S. Kushwah:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 22 Tibetans have fled from Tibet and entered into Indian territory unlawfully;

(b) if so, whether the causes of their fleeing from Tibet have been ascertained from them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not yet. This would be established by the interrogation which is going on.

(c) Does not arise at present.

Reorientation of Air Force Training

5124. Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
Shri F. K. Deo:
Shri M. C. Majhi:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the experiences gained during the last recent India-Pakistan conflict Government have planned reorientation of the Air Force training; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri H. R. Bhagat): (a) Modifications considered necessary as a result of the last India-Pakistan conflict have been carried out in I.A.F. training.

(b) It is not in the public interest to disclose this information.

A.I.R. Station, Aurangabad

5125. Shri Rane: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the closure of the Aurangabad Radio station;

(b) whether after the closure of the Aurangabad Radio Station, there was any proposal to open a new radio station in Marathwada;

(c) if so, the reasons for not opening it so far; and

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider and re-open the Radio Station at Aurangabad, where a University has now been established?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) The Radio Station at Aurangabad which was taken over by A.I.R. from the erstwhile Hyderabad State in April 1950 was closed down in November 1953 as it was found that the cost of running the station was not commensurate with the coverage achieved by the very weak transmitter operating at this station.

(b) and (c). A transmitting centre is being set up at Parbhani in Marathwada which is scheduled to be commissioned during the current year.

(d) The Draft Fourth Five Year Plan includes a provision for setting up a radio station in Aurangabad/Jalgaon area. The project would be taken up for implementation subject to the availability of necessary resources and foreign exchange.