

(b) and (b) Because of their pre-occupations, neither the Prime Minister nor the Foreign Minister could journey to Bonn on this occasion. Considering all the circumstances including Shrimati Pandit's distinguished background of diplomatic experience, she was considered eminently suitable to represent India at Dr. Adenauer's funeral.

Visits abroad by Foreign Minister and Foreign Secretary

- *132. Shri Nath Pal:
 Shri Sidheswar Prasad:
 Shri D. N. Patodia:
 Shri N. K. Sanghi:
 Shri Maulbhai J. Patel:
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
 Shri Onkar Singh:
 Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai:
 Shri Bahraj Madhok:
 Shri A. B. Vajpayee:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri R. S. Vidyarthi:
 Shri Sharda Nand:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:
 Shri Y. A. Prasad:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri A. K. Kisku:
 Shri S. N. Maiti:
 Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Arjun Singh Bhadoria:
 Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
 Shri R. Barua:
 Shri K. N. Pandey:
 Shri Dhirendranath:
 Shri Mohammed Imam:
 Shri S. K. Tapuriah:
 Shri Gadilingma Gowd:
 Shri Vlahwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether he and the Foreign Secretary visited any foreign countries in April, 1967;

(b) if so, the countries visited by them and the object of these visits; and

(c) the results achieved thereby?

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

(b) I visited the following countries:

Kuwait
 Iran

Switzerland (Geneva, Berne).

A statement regarding these visits was made on the Floor of the House on 22nd May, 1967.

The Foreign Secretary visited the following countries:

Yugoslavia
 U.A.R.
 Switzerland (Geneva)
 Italy

The main purpose of these visits was to exchange views with officials and high dignitaries on matters of common interest; particularly about nuclear non-proliferation.

(c) Results achieved by these visits were satisfactory in the sense that India's views on nuclear non-proliferation were fully appreciated.

Compulsory N.C.C. Training

- *133. Shri Banjit Singh:
 Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai:
 Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:
 Shri B. S. Sharma:
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:
 Shri C. Janardhanan:
 Shri P. C. Adichan:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
 Shri Dhirendranath:
 Shri N. Sreekantan Nair:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the compulsory training scheme of the N.C.C. in the Colleges and Universities is proposed to be scrapped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any alternative scheme exists for cultivating the same ideals

in the students as envisaged in the aims of the N.C.C.?

The Ministry of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. K. Bhagat): and (b). In response to a widespread public demand after the Chinese aggression in 1962 the N.C.C. was made compulsory in 1963 for college boys, keeping in view not only the aspects of development of character, comradeship, the ideal of service and capacity for leadership but also to stimulate interest in the defence of the country and to build up a reserve of potential manpower to enable the Armed Forces to expand rapidly in a national emergency. Following a resolution by the Inter-University Board, all Universities issued ordinances making N.C.C. compulsory for college boys. Since then the matter has been reviewed in the light of—

- (i) the growing strength of the senior division N.C.C. for college boys, unrelated to the defence requirements, consequent upon the increase in the enrolment in colleges from year to year;
- (ii) the shortages that continue to exist in the matter of training staff and equipment for effective training being imparted;
- (iii) the lack of aptitude and reluctance on the part of individual students to participate in the N.C.C. on a compulsory basis;
- (iv) the growing feeling amongst universities and educationists in general of late, that the N.C.C. should be made voluntary; and
- (v) the recommendations of the Education Commission and Kothari Committee on the formation of National Service Corps.

A proposal is now under consideration to make the N.C.C. voluntary.

(c) A scheme is under consideration in the Ministry of Education which envisages the formation of a National

Service Corps and provides for College boys compulsorily forming either the N.C.C. or the National Service Corps.

प्रश्नकारी कागज के बारे में नीति

* 140. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद:

श्री हेम बघवा:

श्री सुरेन्द्रनाथ द्विवेदी:

श्री बीरेन्द्रकुमार शाह:

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रश्नकारी कागज के बारे में एक नई नीति निर्धारित की गई है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसकी मुख्य मुख्य बातें क्या हैं; और

(ग) उसका समाचार पत्र उद्योग पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ा है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (जी० के० के० शाह : (क) जी, हाँ।

(ख) सदन की बैठक पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है।

[पुस्तकालय में रखा गया। देखिये LT-421/67]

(ग) समाचार-पत्र उद्योग ने जानू बर्ष की प्रश्नकारी कागज एकाट करने सम्बन्धी नीति का सामाज्यतः स्वागत किया है।

U.S. Arms Supply to India

*141. Shri Bibhanti Mishra:

Shri K. N. Tiwary:

Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had received only half the American military equipment promised under the emergency aid by the U.S.A. after the Chinese aggression in 1962;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and