

India. There is nothing to suggest that the said purchases contravened the provisions of the Articles of Association and Memorandum of the company.

recurring and non-recurring, being given to the Hindustan Samachar Cooperative Limited since it started functioning?

**Non Payment of Salaries to Staff of Hindusthan Samachar**

8228. SHRI S. S. SOMANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints that the staff of the Hindustan Samachar Cooperative Society Limited is not getting its salary regularly;

(b) ~~it so~~, since when the details regarding the amount of grant-in-aid,

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI: (a) and (b). Government are aware that there was delay in payment of salaries to some of the employees of Hindusthan Samachar for the months of December, 1978 and January and February, 1979. Salaries for the month of March, 1979 were paid on April 2, 1979. Details of grant-in-aid given to Hindusthan Samachar are as under:—

Purpose of grant	Amount of Grant
<b>I. Recurring</b>	
Two instalments of six monthly advance payment of differential of salary and allowances as also bonus, gratuity, provident fund owing to increase in scale of pay of the employees as a result of upgradation on formation of Samachar.	(i) Rs. 3.34 lakhs (ii) Rs. 3.06 lakhs
<b>II. Non-recurring</b>	
(a) Rehabilitation grant to restart operations	Rs. 4.50 lakhs
(b) Ad-hoc grant for development of news service	Rs. 3.50 lakhs
	Rs. 14.40 lakhs

**Supply of .22 & .12 bore cartridges to Arms Dealers**

8229. SHRI RAJE VISHVESHWAR RAO: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that the Defence ammunition factories have not been supplying .22 and .12 bore cartridges to the local arms dealers regularly as it was supplied before emergency;

(b) if not what is the reason; and

(c) will Government see to it that ammunition is supplied to the local shops immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND SPACE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) to (c). The facts about the two kinds of ammunitions are as below:—

(i) .22 cartridges—This ammunition is common for both Defence and civilian use. In order to meet Defence requirements, which have