

वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय का पुस्तकालय

१९५६. श्री राम शंकर लाल : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय के पुस्तकालय में कितने समाचार पत्र आते हैं ; और

(ख) इनमें से कितने पत्र समादर प्रतियों (कामप्लीमेंट्री कापी) के रूप में मिल जाते हैं ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : (क) ६।

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BHUTAN

1190. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Bhutaneses trained in various institutions in India during the year 1954; and

(b) the object of their training?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). No Bhutaneses were trained at any institution in India during the year 1954. At the request of the Bhutan Government three Bhutaneses cadets are at present undergoing training at the National Defence Academy, Dehra Dun.

PASSPORT OFFICE

1191. **Shri Ramananda Das:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the reasons for locating the Regional Passport Office, New Delhi in a building in Connaught Place, New Delhi and not in the main Secretariat buildings?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The Regional Passport Office has been located in Connaught Place, New Delhi, in the interests of the public, as Connaught Place is a central locality and easily accessible from any part of New or Old Delhi. As the Regional Office is not a Secretariat Department it cannot properly be

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located in the already overcrowded main Secretariat building, apart from such location being less convenient to the general public when compared to a central locality like Connaught Place.

PASSPORTS TO U.K.

1192. **Shri Ramananda Das:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passports granted for U.K. by the Regional Passport Officer, New Delhi, since the 1st December, 1954;

(b) how many passports and endorsements were granted on applications received direct since the 1st December, 1954; and

(c) how many endorsements were granted through the travel agencies?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (c). The information is not available, as statistics under these separate heads are not maintained.

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

1193. **Shrimati Ganga Devi:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Cypher Assistants belonging to the Scheduled Castes in the Ministry of External Affairs in 1948 and in 1955; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure adequate representation of the Scheduled Castes in the Central Cypher Bureau?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) 1948—Nil.

1955—Two.

(b) Recruitment to the Central Cypher Bureau is made on the basis of Intelligence Tests from Assistants, Stenographers, permanent or quasi-permanent Clerks and temporary graduate Clerks working in the Ministry of External Affairs. Tests are

held periodically as and when vacancies occur. To be selected candidates must secure 35 per cent. marks in each of the three subjects prescribed for the Test and 70 per cent. marks in the aggregate.

The Central Cypher Bureau is a Section of the Ministry of External Affairs and full weightage as laid down in the Constitution is given to the Scheduled Castes at the time of initial recruitment to the Ministry as a whole. Such weightage is not possible in respect of each Section in the Ministry. The Government would, of course, like to see a larger number of Scheduled Castes personnel employed in the Central Cypher Bureau and are considering what steps should be taken to secure this result.

BORDER INCIDENTS

1194. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of border incidents that were officially reported during the period from November, 1954 to March, 1955 on the Indo-Pakistan borders of East and West Punjab;

(b) the nature of the incidents; and

(c) the number of such incidents that have been amicably settled between the two Governments?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (c). Three incidents on the Punjab (I)—Punjab (P) border were reported during the period from

the 1st November, 1954 to the 31st March, 1955.

The first incident related to an exchange of fire which took place between the Pakistan Border Police and the Punjab (I) Armed Police on the 26th November, 1954, when the Pakistan Police attempted to take forcible occupation of Indian territory near the village of Raja Mahtam in Ferozepur district, after crossing the river Sutlej. The Pakistan Border Police, however, withdrew on the 27th November, 1954.

The second incident related to another attempt on the part of the Pakistan Border Police to take forcible occupation of Indian territory, after crossing the river Sutlej, near the village of Lakha Haji in Ferozepur district on the 8th December, 1954. Here also, the Pakistan Border Police withdrew on the intervention of the Punjab (I) Armed Police.

The third incident related to the exchange of fire between the Pakistan Border Police and the Punjab (I) Armed Police on the 20th March, 1955, as a result of the former raising a dispute about a piece of land situated on the border near village Gajjal in Amritsar district and attempting to take forcible occupation of it. The firing, however, ceased on the 22nd March, 1955, when the police forces withdrew from the area, following an agreement between the senior police officers of the two sides to refer the territorial dispute to the higher authorities for an amicable settlement.