

published in English/Hindi/Regional languages News papers.

(b) to (d): Indian Express and Dinamani English papers to when the advertisement was given by the Railway Service Commission, Madras did not publish, the same although Indian Express had acknowledged receipt of the Employment notice and assured publication on 16.1.1983.

Meeting on the Problem of Unemployment of Seamen at Calcutta

*8981. SHRI N.E. HORO :
SHRI K.T. KOSALRAM :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that to solve the problem of unemployment of Seamen at Calcutta a meeting was convened by Centre ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :

(a) and (b) A meeting was convened on 22.12.82 with the representatives of Shipowners and Seafarers. Discussions were held on the Nanda Committee Report Part I and the problems in connection with their implementation.

Minister of Shipping and Transport informed the shipowners and seamen's representatives that some thinking had been done on ways to improve the employment prospects for the seamen. The Minister invited the reactions of the representatives of shipowners and seamen.

The representative of seafarers stated that only after the shipowners had consulted among themselves and finalised their position, the seafarers could finalise their stand in respect of these suggestions. He added that they would have a meeting with the shipowners representatives to discuss the issue.

The Minister of Shipping and Transport recently convened another meeting on 12.4.83 and discussed with the representatives of Seafarers and Shipowners these

problems in detail. No final decisions could however be reached. Another meeting in this regard would be held in the near future to evolve a solution.

Selection Grade to Nursery Teachers of N.D.M.C.

8982. SHRI S.S. RAMASWAMY PADAYACHI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 6605 on 6 April, 1981 regarding confirmation of New Delhi Municipal Committee Nursery School Teachers and state :

(a) Whether any confirmation has since been made from April, 1981 onward ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of posts in Selection Grade have been increased on Teachers' Day in September, 1981 from 5,000 S. Grade to 8,000 S. Grade posts;

(c) whether it is also a fact, that prior to 1981, Selection Grade to Nursery Teachers (New Delhi Municipal Committee), was given to only those who were permanent/confirmed, but now it is given on the basis of total number of posts in a grade ; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in giving Selection Grade to New Delhi Municipal Committee Primary/Nursery Teachers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the latest instructions of the Government, the number of Selection Grade posts are to be fixed at 20% of all the sanctioned posts as on 1.4.1981 onwards.

(c) and (d) The number of permanent posts will always be higher than the number of Selection Grade posts. Therefore, it is only natural that in N.D.M.C so far only permanent teachers have got the selection Grade. According to the latest orders, 20% of all sanctioned posts are to be converted into Selection Grade posts and the teachers are to be granted Section Grade scales on the basis of their seniority subject to fitness.

As reported by N.D.M.C., there is some dispute regarding the period of service for eligibility of a teacher in order to be able to get the Selection Grade. As soon as the issue is decided, Selection Grade scales will be awarded to the teachers.

Us Military Activities in Indian Ocean

8983. SHRI M.S.K. SATHIYENDRAN:
SHRI PIYUSH TIRKI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States is going to share some of its self-imposed military responsibilities in the Far-East and the Pacific and in this way some of the U.S. Forces deployed in the region could be diverted to India's neighbourhood in the Indian Ocean ;

(b) if so, what is the detailed report of U.S. military activities in the Indian Ocean ; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) There have been reports that Japan is increasing its defence expenditure, partly in response to U.S. insistence that it must take on a larger share of defence responsibility. Japan's defence expenditure in the year 1983-84 is budgeted at US \$11.82 billion. This represents an increase of 6.5% over last year. The Prime Minister of Japan has also been reported as stating that in order to secure maintain the ocean lines of communication, Japan's defences in the ocean should extend over several hundred miles, which would enable Japan to defend the sea lanes between Guam and Tokyo and between the strait of Taiwan and Osaka.

(b) Since the fall of the Shah of Iran, the U.S.A. has increased its military presence in the Indian Ocean. More than one carrier task force has been deployed on a regular basis and a programme for expanding and improving military facilities available to the U.S.A. in the Indian Ocean littoral is being undertaken. A Rapid Deployment Force of over 200000 men which

could be speedily moved to areas of crises, has also been established. More recently, with effect from 1st January, 1983 a Unified Command has been set up which according to U.S. sources, will have operational responsibility for South West Asia. The Rapid Deployment Force will function under this command.

(c) India has consistently opposed Great Power military presence in the Indian Ocean as it introduces new tensions and conflicts in our neighbourhood and constitutes a threat to peace and stability. India is working with other littoral and hinterland states to implement the U.N. Resolution of 1971 which calls for the establishment of a Zone of Peace in the Indian Ocean, free from the military presence of the Great Powers. At the New Delhi Summit the Non-aligned countries pledged themselves to work for convening an international conference on the Indian Ocean in 1984, as decided in the U.N. General Assembly and also called upon the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. to resume bilateral discussions for limiting their military presence in the Indian Ocean.

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8984. श्री केयूरभूषण
प्रो० रूप चन्द पाल
श्री सत्यसाधन चक्रवर्ती
श्री हन्नान मोल्लाह } : क्या

विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या “मेरा गांव, मेरा जीवन” नामक वृत्त चित्र ब्रिटिश ब्राडकास्टिंगकारपोरेशन ने बनाया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि यह वृत्त चित्र उड़िया लेखक और कलाकार श्री प्रफुल्ल महन्ती की बहुभाषी पुस्तक पर आधारित है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या बी० बी० सी० ने उन्हें रायल्टी का भुगतान किया है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री श्री ए० ए० रहीम (क) जी हां ।

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